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1. Purpose. To provide guidance and instructions related to fish and wildlife management, including regulations and procedures for fishing, hunting, and trapping.
2. Cancellation. MCBO P11015.2.
3. Summary of Revision. Significant revisions have been made to chapters 2 and 3. These chapters should be reviewed in their entirety.
4. Information. Fish and wildlife resources have played an important role in American heritage and continue to evoke great emotion from the American public. Public concerns about the preservation of recreational opportunities such as fishing and hunting, the preservation of endangered species, the development of eco-tourism industries, and the control of wildlife related damage and diseases have led to the passage of numerous laws to establish policies and regulations concerning fish and wildlife management on public lands. This Manual, based on applicable Federal, VA, and DoD laws and regulations, establishes guidelines for fish and wildlife management programs at MCB.
5. Recommendations. Recommendations concerning the contents of the Fish and Wildlife Procedural Manual are invited. Such recommendations should be forwarded to the CG MCB (B 046), via the appropriate chain of command.
6. Civilian Applicability. The provisions of this Manual may not be implemented for civilian employees covered by a negotiated labor agreement until bargaining obligations, if any, under the Federal Labor Management Relations Statute (chapter 71 of 5 U.S.C.) are met.

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1000. POLICY. It is the policy of the CG MCB to promote a fish and wildlife management program that shall be consistent with Federal, VA, and local laws and will support, as its foremost priority, the highest feasible quality of military training. The program will enhance, as secondary priorities, resource-related recreational opportunities subject to appropriate safety restrictions; regional ecosystem management initiatives, and regional and local needs to control animal damage.

1001. GUIDELINES. Principle laws and directives applicable to fish and wildlife management at MCB are summarized below:

1. Title 16, U.S.C., Section 670 et seq, "Conservation Programs on Military Installation," (Sikes Act), as amended, requires the following:

a. Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). MCB must prepare and implement an INRMP in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The plan shall reflect the mutual agreement of the parties concerning conservation, protection, and management of fish and wildlife resources. The public must be afforded the opportunity to participate during the preparation of the INRMP. Consistent with the military mission at MCB, the INRMP is required to provide for:

(1) the conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources on the installation;

(2) the sustainable multipurpose use of the resources, which shall include hunting, fishing, trapping, and nonconsumptive uses;

(3) and, subject to safety requirements and military security, public access to facilitate the use of the resources.

This Manual shall serve as an integral component of the INRMP since it establishes the policy and procedures for allowing public access and participation in fish and wildlife related recreation programs aboard MCB, Quantico.

- b. Collection and Use of Fees. User fees may be collected from persons who hunt, fish and trap so long as those activities are conducted per the INRMP. Fees collected at MCB shall only be used at MCB for the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife, including habitat improvements and related actions.
2. Title 10, U.S.C., Section 2671, "Military Reservation and Facilities—Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping," requires that hunting, fishing, and trapping on MCB property be done per VA laws.
3. Title 16, U.S.C., Section 1531 et seq., "Endangered Species Act of 1982" requires surveys to be conducted to determine the presence or absence of threatened and endangered species, to determine existing habitat for the species, and to determine whether any identified habitats are to be designated as "critical." Federal land managers must ensure that no actions are taken to jeopardize the continued existence of an endangered species.
4. MCO P5090.2 establishes Marine Corps guidelines for fish and wildlife management.
5. DFAS-CL NAVSO P-1000.3-M, paragraph 032114, and MCO 7301.116 provide accounting procedures for the collection and expenditure of funds relating to the management and harvesting of fish and wildlife.
6. Public Law 101-189, Section 1634; 10 U.S.C., Section 1588, authorizes the acceptance of volunteer services in achieving the goals of natural resources management programs.

1002. PROCEDURES FOR FEE ACCOUNT MONEY. Serially numbered MCB licenses for fishing, hunting and trapping will be sold only by "Collection Agents" appointed in writing per DOD 7000.14-R, Volume 5, paragraph 020702. The value of these licenses is established in chapters 2 through 4 of this Manual. All collected funds shall be deposited to fund receipt account 17R5095.27FY, MCB Finance Office. At the time of turn-in, DD Form 1131, Cash Collection Voucher, shall be completed.

1003. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. AC/S G-5. Responsible for the administration of the contents of this Manual.
2. Title 10, U.S.C., Section 2671, "Military Reservation and Facilities—Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping," requires that hunting, fishing, and trapping on MCB property be done per VA laws.

2. Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch, G-5

a. Prepare and update directives, plans, and reports to satisfy the requirements cited in paragraph 1001.

b. Collect fees from the sales of negotiable licenses for fishing, hunting, and trapping per paragraph 1002.

3. Director, Comptroller Division. Review funds collected from the sale of fishing, hunting, and trapping permits to ensure compliance with established directives.

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CHAPTER 2

FISHING REGULATIONS

2000. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Licenses

a. State License. Everyone who fishes aboard MCB, Quantico must have a valid VA fishing license for the fish being harvested. Valid Potomac River Fisheries Commission and MD Bay sport licenses will be honored in lieu of the VA fishing license in the Potomac River and the tidal freshwater tributaries adjacent to Quantico. These tidal tributaries include the waters of Quantico and Chopawamsic Creeks up to U.S. Route 1. This applies to both boat and bank anglers.

b. MCB Fishing License. Everyone who fishes aboard MCB must have a MCB, Quantico fishing license valid for the same period as the corresponding state fishing license, except as follows: persons under 16 years of age, persons 65 and over, and persons who possess the state totally disabled license to fish are exempt from the requirement to possess the MCB, Quantico fishing license. Anglers fishing from a boat in the tidal waters listed above are not required to have a MCB, Quantico fishing license. Anglers fishing from the shoreline or any structure attached to the shoreline (piers, docks, etc.) are required to have a MCB, Quantico fishing license.

c. Designated Trout Waters. Portions of Chopawamsic Creek included in the VA Trout Stocking Plan are considered designated stocked trout waters from 1 October through 15 June. During that period, dates inclusive, the VA license to fish in "designated stocked trout waters" is required in addition to the VA license to fish. A trout license is not required from 16 June through 30 September.

2. The MCB, Quantico fishing license costs \$10 for an annual license valid from 1 January through 31 December. The cost is \$2 for a 5-day license to be used in conjunction with a VA license to fish for 5 consecutive days. Licenses may be purchased at the following locations:

a. Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch at Bldg. 5-9 or 27007. Open seasonally. Call for hours and availability at 703-784-5810. VA fishing licenses are not sold at this location.

b. Marine Corps Exchange (MCX). The sporting goods counter is open year round for the sale of VA fishing licenses and the MCB fishing license. Civilians may purchase the MCB fishing license but are not entitled to shop in the MCX. For hours of sale, call 703-640-8800 and ask for the sporting goods counter.

c. Lunga General Store. Open seasonally for sale of VA and MCB fishing licenses. Call for hours and availability at 703-784-5270.

3. Lost MCB licenses will not be replaced. Individuals who lose their MCB license will have to purchase another one at the original cost.

2001. AUTHORIZATION TO FISH

1. Military and civilian personnel who have obtained the appropriate licenses stated in paragraph 2000 are authorized to use Base fishing facilities per the instructions specified in this Manual.

2. Fishing is allowed 365 days a year, 7 days a week, except as posted due to curfews or other restrictions issued subsequent to this Manual. Legal fishing hours are 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset except for Lunga Reservoir, designated trout waters, and tidal waters as stated in paragraph 2003.

3. Military training exercises may cause portions or all of a fishing area to be closed at a specific time. The Range Management Branch (RMB) is responsible for Training Areas west of Interstate 95. OCS has responsibility for the training area where Buffalo Pond and the OCS boat ramp are located. The RMB Range Control Office and OCS S-3 will coordinate with appropriate military OIC to ensure there are no conflicts between fishing and military training. The OIC will have the final authority to allow joint use and may lock range gates, post guards, or set barricades to close fishing access.

4. Anglers are prohibited from bypassing any kind of road obstruction. For any fishing area behind a locked gate, anglers must report to the Range Control Office. If it is safe to fish the area, RMB will issue the angler a walking pass.

5. Storm events may cause the temporary closure of certain fishing areas due to flooding, ice or other hazardous conditions.

2002. USE OF BOATS. Privately owned boats may be used for recreational fishing per the motor restrictions stated in paragraph 2003. All state boating regulations, including registration, personal flotation devices, lighting, etc., are in effect at MCB.

2003. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FISHING AREAS. Fishing areas aboard and adjacent to MCB, Quantico are shown at figure 2-1. Persons wanting to fish any Base waters west of Interstate 95 that are not listed below must in all cases obtain prior written permission from the Range Control Office.

1. Cedar Run (3.5 miles). This is a small stream suitable for wading and canoeing; the stream is too small to support motors and is difficult for canoeing during drought. It is accessible by parking on MCB property at State Route 611, State Route 646, or Camp Upshur Road. Large and smallmouth bass and sunfish can be caught. **Checkout at the Range Control Office is required if parking on MCB property.** Access from MCB does not authorize anglers to trespass on private lands adjacent to the stream.

2. Camp Upshur Pond (1.4 acres). Located within Training Area 17A, this pond gets very shallow during drought years. A marginal bluegill population exists. **Checkout at the Range Control Office is required.**

3. Dalton Pond (16.4 acres). This pond has a maximum depth of about 9 feet and supports largemouth bass, bluegill, redear, and bullheads. **A 12-15 inch bass slot limit is in effect;** see paragraph 2007.2. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated.** **Checkout at the Range Control Office is required.** Range Control will direct anglers to the best access route for Dalton Pond or else will advise anglers if all access roads are locked and the pond is closed for fishing. The pond will only be off-limits when training commitments make it unsafe to leave an access route unlocked.

4. Chopawamsic Creek Designated Trout Waters (4.7 miles). The stream is managed as a put-and-take fishery, with rainbow, brown and brook trout being stocked from January - May. The upper portion of the area, known as Secon Pool, is reserved for children 12 years of age and younger. **Anyone over the age of 12 caught fishing in Secon Pool may have their MCB fishing privileges suspended.** Fishing access is allowed from 0500 until 1 hour after sunset. The daily creel limit is six trout. It is unlawful to continue fishing after the daily creel limit has been obtained. It is also unlawful to use seines, nets or more than one rod and one hook in these waters, although it shall be lawful to use a hand-held landing net to land legally hooked trout.

5. Breckinridge Reservoir (47 acres). This is the primary drinking water supply for the Base. Largemouth bass, chain pickerel, crappie, bluegill, and catfish are present. **A 12-15 inch bass slot limit is in effect**; see paragraph 2007.2. Fishing access is allowed at New Breckinridge Road and a gravel boat launch is located there (see figure 2-1). Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated**. During summer drought periods boating access can be difficult due to low water. Shallow draft and lightweight boats such as canoes are appropriate during those times. All other access is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the Range Control Office.

6. Lunga Reservoir (477 acres)

a. Fishing is Allowed 24 Hours a Day. Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear, crappie, catfish, walleye, and white perch are the primary fish caught at Lunga. **A 12-15 inch bass slot limit is in effect**; see paragraph 2007.2.

b. Access. The public may gain access to Lunga Reservoir by launching a boat at the Lunga Park boat ramp or by shoreline fishing in the vicinity of the reservoir dam (see figure 2-2). Trailered boats must be launched at the designated ramp. The launch ramp at the Rod and Gun Club is restricted to members only. Personnel authorized to use specific Lunga Park recreation areas, e.g. Maple, Oak, Cedar, Pine, Hickory, group camping, Rod and Gun Club, FBI/DEA, and Civilian Recreation and Welfare Association, may launch car-top boats or fish from the shoreline in the respective recreation areas. Written authorization from the Range Control Office is required to access Lunga Reservoir from the military training areas adjacent to the reservoir.

c. Restricted Areas. Buoys are placed along the arms of Lunga Reservoir to mark the extreme limits of Surface Danger Zones (SDZ) that impinge upon the reservoir (see figure 2-2). The areas beyond the buoys are off-limits except when the SDZs are inactive. To determine whether access beyond the buoys is authorized, call the Lunga Park Office at 703-784-5270 or the Range Control Office (703-784-5321). **Personnel who bypass the buoys without authorization are endangering their lives and are subject to punitive action.**

d. Motors. Gasoline motors less than 10 horsepower may be used without restriction. The use of electric motors is encouraged for the protection of water quality. Gasoline motors 10 horsepower or larger may only be used at idle speed (low wake) for the protection and safety of small watercraft and the environment. **Boat operators who violate this regulation may have their MCB, Quantico fishing privileges suspended**. Motor restrictions do not apply to government watercraft on official business.

e. Rental Equipment. Military personnel and Base civilian employees may rent motorboats and the necessary equipment to operate them from Lunga Park. Information concerning the rental of equipment can be obtained at the Lunga Park Office at 703-784-5270.

7. R-6 Pond (6.6 acres). Because the pond is located downrange from a firing position, a locked gate controls access. **Checkout at the Range Control Office is mandatory** to obtain written permission to fish R-6 Pond. Gate keys will not be checked out; there is a 1-mile walk along a gravel road from the gate to the pond. R-6 Pond supports largemouth bass and bluegill. **A 12-15 inch bass slot limit is in effect**; see paragraph 2007.2.

8. Smith Lake (295 acres). Stafford County manages Smith Lake for the production of drinking water. Largemouth bass, walleye, crappie, bluegill, redear, and catfish are the primary game fish. The MCB slot limit on bass does not apply. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated**. Fishing access is allowed at two MCB launch sites on Smith Lake Road (see figure 2-1) and the MCB, Quantico fishing license is required to use these launch sites. The fishing docks at both sites are wheelchair accessible. All other access from Marine Corps property is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the Range Control Office.

9. Barrett Pond (1.0 acre). This pond has largemouth bass and bluegill and is located behind the asphalt parade deck at TBS. **Checkout at the Range Control Office is required**.

10. Ponderosa Pond (0.75 acre). This pond is **closed** to public fishing access.

11. Buffalo Pond (5.5 acres). Fishing access is allowed on days that OCS trails are open for public use. When trails are open, anglers may drive Engineer Road and Buffalo Road to get to Buffalo Pond. When OCS trails are closed, Buffalo Pond is off-limits. OCS trail status is posted daily at the OCS entrance. This pond is designated for trophy bass management. **Bass may not be kept unless they exceed 18 inches in length and a limit of 1 per day**. Bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish are also present. Electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors may not be operated**.

12. Potomac River and Tidal Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks

a. Carp, catfish, largemouth bass, white and yellow perch, bluegill, shad, herring, and striped bass can be found in these waters. Anglers have access to the Potomac River, Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks from off Base launch sites in MD and VA. The DON owns Chopawamsic Creek; boaters should be aware that upon entering Chopawamsic Creek from the Potomac River they have entered Marine Corps property.

b. Boating access to tidal waters from MCB, Quantico is provided by concrete boat ramps located at Hospital Point and the OCS area (see figure 2-3). Beware the sharp drop-off at the end of the Hospital Point ramp. The Wildlife Viewing Area has a gravel launch site for small boats (canoes and kayaks) and is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset, except for authorized duck hunters, who are given an extra 30 minutes before and after sunrise to proceed to and from the blinds. Boaters should be aware that during low tide, and especially during sustained northwest winds, Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks become extremely shallow.

c. Wheelchair accessible shoreline fishing has been developed along Chopawamsic Creek at the MCAF (see figure 2-3). At the MCAF site, anglers and their vehicles must stay in the designated fishing/parking area. The runway approach zone is off-limits. Open/closed status and fishing hours for the creek channel from the OCS boat launch east to the Potomac River will be posted onsite.

d. The Base Marina, located on the Potomac River, is operated by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Division and allows public fishing during hours that the pier is open. Outside of those hours, the pier is off-limits for fishing. A MCB, Quantico fishing license is required.

2004. FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY. Tidal Chopawamsic and Quantico Creeks and Quantico embayment are included in a VA Department of Health advisory recommending that no more than one 8-ounce meal per month of channel catfish larger than 18 inches be consumed due to possible contamination with polychlorinated biphenyl.

2005. PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Water bodies and the associated natural resources are important to MCB and the Nation. All users must take measures to prevent environmental degradation such as littering, chemical, oil or gas spillage, and shoreline erosion. The dumping of litter, trash, or other substances upon the grounds or waters of this Installation are violations punishable through judicial proceedings. Persons observing such violations should report these observations immediately to the Range Control Office at 703-784-5321 or the Game Warden at 703-784-5218 ext. 251.

2006. NUISANCE WILDLIFE. Leave wildlife alone! Resident Canadian geese become a nuisance at developed recreation areas such as Lunga Reservoir. Patrons are prohibited from feeding the geese. Do not attempt to handle any wild mammal; bites and scratches from wild mammals may transmit serious viruses such as rabies. Ticks transmit diseases such as Lyme disease and are abundant on the grounds around the fishing areas. Avoidance and use of appropriate repellents and clothing is recommended.

2007. FISH, REPTILE, AMPHIBIAN AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATE REGULATIONS

1. VA regulations for the possession of game and non-game fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates are applicable and enforced at MCB. Consult VA freshwater fishing regulations for size and creel limits, except as noted below. Consult Potomac River Fisheries Commission regulations for size limits, closed seasons, etc., in the Potomac River.

2. Bass Slot and Creel Limits. In MCB impounded waters, a slot limit is in effect for bass. **All bass 12-15 inches in length, inclusive, must be returned to the water.** Others may be kept up to the daily limit of five bass, although catch and release is recommended. The one exception is **Buffalo Pond, which has a minimum size length of 18 inches and daily limit of one bass.**

3. Bullfrogs and Snapping Turtles. The daily limit for bullfrogs and snapping turtles is 15; these species may not be taken from designated trout waters. Taking bullfrogs with a gig or bow and arrow is permitted subject to compliance with other regulations concerning access to MCB waters. Frog gigging requires a hunting license. Taking turtles by hook and line requires a fishing license.

4. Fish Bait. "Fish bait" possessed in compliance with VA regulations may be used in MCB waters. There are no restrictions on the use of earthworms and crickets.

5. Trotlines. The use of trotlines in MCB impounded waters is prohibited.

6. Commercial Fishing. Commercial fishing is not allowed in MCB impounded waters.

7. Seines. Seines may not be used in MCB impounded water except as authorized for scientific study. Seines may be used in MCB streams to catch minnows for private use as bait so long as approval to access the waters has been obtained in writing from the Range Control Office.

8. Bow Fishing. Game fish may not be taken by bow and arrow. Carp and gar may be taken by bow and arrow in the tidal area of Chopawamsic Creek during daylight hours. Crossbows, spearguns, and poisoned arrows are prohibited.

9. Dip Netting. Dip nets may be used to take carp, shad, and herring in the tidal Chopawamsic Creek. An MCB fishing license is required per paragraph 2000. The user and all helpers (regardless of age) must have either county dipnet permits or a valid VA fishing license.

2008. VIOLATIONS. Violations of these regulations shall be immediately reported to the Game Warden, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch, G-5, at 703-784-5218, extensions 248, 249, 250, or 251. Violators of fishing regulations, safety regulations, or principles of good sportsmanship are subject to administrative curtailment of fishing privileges, possible judicial proceedings in state or federal courts, and military disciplinary action for military personnel.

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CHAPTER 3

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HUNTING REGULATIONS

3000. AUTHORIZATION TO HUNT. To be eligible to participate in hunting recreation at MCB Quantico, persons must complete the following:

1. Obtain all state and Federal licenses and stamps required for the game to be hunted. The VA license must be obtained prior to purchase of the MCB Quantico hunting license. VA licenses are not sold at the Game Checking Station (GCS); they are available at most sporting goods retailers.
- * 2. Virginia Hunter Education Course. Hunters under the age of 12 must complete a VA (or other state's) Hunter Education Course and must display their card/completion certificate in order to obtain a MCB Quantico hunting license. Hunters over the age of 12 must meet VA hunter education requirements necessary to purchase a VA hunting license. Consult the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries current hunting regulations. VA Hunter Education Courses are offered at a variety of locations throughout VA and are listed at www.dgif.virginia.gov.
- * 3. MCB Hunter Orientation Safety Class. This class provides instruction concerning base hunting procedures, regulations and safety requirements. The class takes about 45 minutes and is given at the GCS, Building 5-9. Interpretation is not available for non-English speakers. Class times and dates will be published in an annual hunting bulletin. All hunters and non-hunting companions 6 years of age or older must attend the class, except that persons licensed at MCB during the previous hunting license year will not be required to attend unless there have been significant changes to the hunting regulations. The annual hunting bulletin will specify class attendance requirements.
4. Application and Hold Harmless Agreement. All persons who want to participate in hunting recreation must complete the MCB hunting application and hold harmless agreement shown at figure 3-1. This includes individuals who do not hunt (non-hunters).
5. Minimum Age Guidelines and Parental Consent Form. Minors (under 18 years of age) who are not active duty military members must be accompanied and directly supervised by a parent, legal guardian or an adult (designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) when hunting. Parents or legal guardians shall complete the parental

consent form at figure 3-2 to authorize another adult (21 years or older) to take their minor child hunting at MCB. The supervising adult must possess a valid VA hunting license and MCB Quantico hunting license.

6. All hunters are responsible for knowing current Federal, state, and MCB hunting regulations.

3001. MARINE CORPS BASE HUNTING LICENSE

1. Hunters must purchase a MCB Quantico hunting license valid for the same period as the VA hunting license. All hunting licenses will be processed at the GCS and all sales are final. The fee schedule and hours of sales will be published in the annual MCB hunting bulletin.

2. Non-hunters will be issued a certificate of completion of the MCB hunter orientation course in lieu of a license. Non-hunters are typically spouses or children who want to enjoy outdoor recreation with a family member but who do not hunt and do not possess a VA hunting license. Non-hunters may not carry a weapon, call game, or in any way participate in the hunt. They must stay in the immediate vicinity of their escort.

3. Lost License. Persons who lose their MCB hunting license may request a replacement license. A nominal fee, specified in the annual hunting bulletin, will be charged. Prior to issuance of the replacement license, the GCS operator must verify the original sale. Therefore, an administrative delay of 24 hours maximum may be required prior to issuance of the replacement license.

4. License Color Code. At the time of sales, licenses will be color-coded to facilitate the assignment of daily hunting permits. All licenses will be coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN, as follows:

a. Licenses issued to active duty Marines, active duty military personnel stationed at MCB Quantico or HQMC, and their dependents will be coded GREEN.

* b. Licenses issued to all other persons having valid military identification cards, and retired and current civilian employees of MCB Quantico, will be coded BLUE.

c. All other licenses will be coded BROWN.

d. Licenses issued to minors who are not active duty military will have a diagonal line drawn across the face of the license to indicate that the youth must checkout with a parent, legal guardian or adult designated in writing.

e. Licenses issued to hunters aged 18-20 will be labeled "NO ESCORT" to indicate that they may not escort underage hunters.

f. On the back of the license, hunters must maintain current data on telephone numbers and vehicle information for the vehicle being used on the hunt day. To accommodate changing information, information shall be recorded in pencil.

3002. HUNTING SEASONS AND LIMITS. Annual hunting seasons and limits will be published in the annual MCB hunting bulletin in the 11015 series.

3003. DAILY CHECKOUT/CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. Daily Hunting Permit. Hunters and their companions may not enter a MCB hunting area or waterfowl blind until they have either been issued a daily hunting permit or been registered at the GCS per procedures listed below.

a. Underage and Non-Hunters. Hunter's under 18 years of age and non-hunters will not be issued daily hunting permits; they will be checked out under the daily permit of their adult companion.

b. Waterfowl Blinds. Each waterfowl blind has a maximum capacity of three hunters. The first hunter to checkout the blind can invite up to two hunting companions to share the blind. Each hunter will be issued a daily hunting permit.

c. Spring Gobbler Season Callers. During the spring gobbler season, hunters who have obtained their season bag limit are authorized to call for other hunters as long as they do not have a weapon in their possession. These individuals will be checked out under the daily permit of the hunter they assist and will not be issued a separate daily permit.

d. Early Checkout

(1) MCB licensed hunters may attempt to pick up or reserve a daily MCB hunting permit on the GCS business day prior to a hunting

day per the schedules provided in the annual MCB hunting bulletin. Reservations made during early checkout are held until 30 minutes following opening time on the hunting day

(2) Telephone Reservations. Telephone reservations will be accepted on 703-784-5523 and 703-784-5329. Callers making telephone reservations must give the MCB hunting license number and card category (GREEN, BLUE or BROWN) of the hunter(s) for which reservations are being made in order to validate the reservation. Also, reservations must be made during the time period appropriate for the person using the permit. For example, during the fall hunting season, a permit to be used by a BLUE card hunter (with the exception of an authorized conservation volunteer) may not be reserved prior to 1215, regardless of the status of the caller.

* (3) House Guests of Active Duty Military Personnel. Active duty military personnel who checkout in person can pick up daily hunting passes for themselves and a bonafide house guest at the same time. At the time of checkout, the active duty host will complete an information form that provides the name, address, and period of stay of the house guest. That form will be used to temporarily upgrade the house guest into the same checkout category as the host. A bonafide house guest is defined as an out-of-the commuting area (outside a 100 mile radius of the base) visitor whose stay is temporary and non-recurring; e.g., a relative making a holiday visit. Due to space limitations during spring gobbler season, the host can take the house guest along as a "companion" hunter as described at 3003.1.d(5).

* (4) Conservation Volunteer Program (CVP) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 50 or more hours of service on projects approved by the Head, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5, during the 12-month period (1 October to 30 September) prior to a hunting season will receive a CVP card valid for the hunting license year, 1 July to 30 June.

* (5) Conservation Volunteer Program Guest (CVPG) Card. Conservation volunteers 18 years of age or older contributing 100 or more hours, will in addition earn a CVPG card which may be used by the conservation volunteer to make hunting reservations for a hunting partner per the same procedures used for the CVP card. Daily permits reserved by a CVPG card will only be issued to the responsible conservation volunteer to whom the CVPG card belongs. The CVPG card may be used for any hunting day except for the opening day of special archery season, the opening day of deer gun season, and for waterfowl blinds. The purpose of the CVPG card is to enhance the opportunity of the volunteer to hunt with a partner; therefore, it is only to be

used by a guest who is hunting in the same area with the host volunteer. Occasionally, the volunteer and guest may end up hunting in different training areas due to a lack of two permits in the same training area, or the host volunteer may be required to leave the base before the hunting day is over. In these cases, the guest hunter may continue to hunt. Due to limited space during spring gobbler season, the guest of a volunteer utilizing their CVPG card will hunt under the same daily pass as the CVP host. This will be known as a "companion" hunt. Both members of the party may carry a weapon but must travel to and from the hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. This is a typical arrangement where one hunter is the primary caller and the other hunter is the primary shooter. Failure to use the CVP card and CVPG card as described may result in forfeiture of the card and termination of the CVP contract.

(5) Early Checkout Priority. A minimum of 15 percent of hunting spaces will be allocated to civilian hunters. During early checkout, approximately 15 percent of the daily permits will be coded BROWN for issuance to civilian hunters, including civilian members of the CVP. The remaining 85 percent of daily permits will be coded 70 percent GREEN and 15 percent BLUE and will be issued to active duty military, retired military, MCB employees and conservation volunteers as designated in the annual hunting bulletin.

* e. First-Come First-Served Checkout. On the GCS business day prior to a hunting day, unissued and unreserved daily permits will be issued first-come, first-served, beginning either 1 hour after hunting ceases or else at GCS closing time, whichever occurs first. Individuals waiting in line will be served until either the line or the hunting passes are exhausted, whichever comes first. At that time, the GCS will be closed until opening time the next hunting day. On the hunting day, all unissued and unreserved permits will be issued first-come first-served. Reserved permits will be held for 30 minutes after GCS opening time; if unclaimed after 30 minutes, the permits will be released on a first-come, first-served basis. Most civilians find the first-come first-served periods the most efficient time to obtain hunting permits.

* f. Hunter Checkout Deadline. The issuance of daily hunting permits for the current day's hunt will cease 1 hour before legal shooting time ends.

2. Hunters issued a daily permit are authorized to enter only the hunting area specified on the permit on the valid date for the permit.

a. The daily permit consists of a hunting permit, which must be carried on the hunters' person, and a parking permit, which must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters' vehicle so it is clearly visible. The parking permit for each hunter in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying parking permits may be towed away at the owner's expense.

* b. Daily hunting/parking permits will be returned to the GCS within one hour after sunset during the fall/winter hunting seasons and no later than 1300 during the spring gobbler season. Deer season hunters assigned to hunting areas 9B, 13, 14A, 15C, 16A, 17A, 17B, 17C, and 17 Upshur and waterfowl hunters checked out to a designated blind are allowed one and one half hours after sunset to return to the GCS. On Thanksgiving Day, daily hunting and parking permits must be returned to the GCS by 1200. A missing permit results in a search for the hunter based on the presumption that the hunter is either lost or injured. Loss of these permits or failure to return them on time may result in curtailment of hunting privileges.

3. Daily Hunting Permit Quota. During the fall/winter hunting seasons, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily hunting permit per 75 acres of land available for hunting on a given day. During the spring gobbler season, the GCS may issue approximately 1 daily permit per 225 acres of available hunting land.

4. Coordination of Assignment to Training Areas

* a. Hunters will be assigned only to training areas where there will be no conflicts with other scheduled land use activities. Before assigning daily spaces, the GCS attendant will check with the Head, Range Management Branch (RMB), G-3 (Operations Division) for any changes to the training schedule. Telephone calls will be made at 1100 prior to setting up the checkout schedule for the following day's hunt. At approximately one and one-half hour after sunset, the GCS attendant will notify Head, RMB when all hunters have returned. GCS personnel will be aggressive in their monitoring of area status and will make frequent coordination calls between counterparts. This will ensure safe, effective, and controlled use of the training areas.

* b. Assignment of hunters to training areas 2, 3, and 4 will only be made after written approval has been received from the OCS S-3.

* c. Assignment of hunters to Engineer Test Area (ETA) and duck blind "C" will only be made after coordination with the Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area.

* d. Assignment of hunters to MCAF blinds 1 and 2 will only be made upon written approval of the MCAF Airfield Manager/Operations Officer.

* e. Assignment of hunters to the waterfowl hunting blind at Hospital Point will only be done after coordination with the Facilities Manager, MARCORSYSCOM.

*5. Access to Scout Hunting Areas

a. West of Interstate 95

* (1) Non-hunting Days. On non-hunting days, permission to enter training areas must be obtained from the Head, RMB G-3, in person; this includes any scouting, dog training, or temporary tree stand installation or retrieval. Access will only be authorized from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

* (2) Spring Gobbler Season. Hunters wanting to scout and roost gobblers after hunting hours during the spring gobbler season must get permission from the Head, RMB. These individuals must return to RMB no later than 1 hour after sunset. Failure to return passes on time will be handled as hunting violations.

b. East of Interstate 95

* (1) Training Areas 2, 3, and 4. These areas are normally open for hunting activities only during the Christmas holidays and are not open for scouting.

* (2) Mainside. Personnel who have completed the Mainside Archery Qualification Class may obtain permission at the GCS to do pre-season scouting in the Mainside hunting area up to the beginning of the archery season.

* (3) Engineer Test Area. On days authorized by the Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area, pre-season scouting will be allowed during GCS operating hours prior to the opening of archery season. Passes must be picked up and turned in at the GCS and all parking must be outside the ETA gate.

- *6. Time Restriction for Arrival at Hunting Areas. Hunters having a valid daily hunting permit may arrive at and enter their assigned training area no sooner than 0400 except for hunters assigned to dove fields during September. Dove field arrival is limited to 1 hour before legal shooting time.

3004. WATERFOWL HUNTING. The following rules apply to all hunting of ducks, geese and swans (waterfowl) at this base.

1. East of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is only permitted from licensed blinds that are maintained and operated by this base for public hunting. West of Interstate 95, waterfowl hunting is permitted in open hunting areas, except that dove hunting fields where planted grain crops have been mowed or manipulated may not be used for waterfowl hunting. Hunting is allowed at Lunga Reservoir and Smith Reservoir only from the designated blinds/stakes shown at figure 3-4. Breckinridge Reservoir is closed to waterfowl hunting. Maps showing the locations of designated public hunting blinds will be provided at the GCS.
2. Hunters in hunting areas west of Interstate 95 may not construct permanent waterfowl hunting blinds but may use temporary brush blinds for concealment. During the deer firearms season, waterfowl hunters who are checked out to general hunting areas must wear blaze orange clothing.
3. Nontoxic shot authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is mandatory for all waterfowl hunting. Lead shot may not be possessed while hunting waterfowl.
- *4. Managed hunting blinds have a maximum capacity of three hunters. The hunter who reserves a blind may invite up to two other MCB licensed hunters to share the blind but is not required to allow additional hunters in the blind. Every hunter occupying the blind must be checked out at the GCS. Managed waterfowl blinds are for waterfowl hunting only; no other species may be taken while hunting in the blinds. Shooting from boats while in transit to or from the blinds is not allowed. Hunters must have means such as a boat or dog to safely retrieve down or crippled waterfowl, except at blind "C."
5. Due to the limited number of waterfowl blinds, a hunter may checkout only one waterfowl blind. Therefore, if a hunter has picked up or reserved a waterfowl blind permit for himself/herself, he/she may not reserve or pick up a separate blind for a friend. Waterfowl hunting blinds are reserved as follows:

a. A calendar will be posted at the GCS prior to the waterfowl hunting season that designates which waterfowl blinds will fulfill the GREEN, BLUE and BROWN permit quotas for each scheduled waterfowl hunting day. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated daily on a systematic basis. An individual hunter may not reserve the same blind during the early reservation period on two consecutive days. The purpose is to prevent one hunter from having exclusive use of one blind.

b. Early checkout for waterfowl blinds will begin at 1130 for hunters in person at the checkout window. Hunters will be called to the window by order of priority as follows: (1) GREEN CVP card, eligible to checkout any blind coded "green;" (2) GREEN, eligible to checkout any blind coded "green;" (3) BLUE CVP card, eligible to checkout any blind coded "green" or "blue;" (4) BLUE, eligible to checkout any blind coded "green" or "blue;" (5) BROWN CVP card, eligible to checkout any remaining blind; and (6) BROWN, eligible to checkout any remaining blind. At that time, any remaining blinds will be issued on a first come first served basis. Telephone reservation begins at 1145.

6. Waterfowl hunters assigned to public hunting blinds must check back in at the GCS no more than one and one-half hour after sunset. Hunting ends at sunset; the extra 30 minutes of travel time is to allow time for collecting decoys and for boating transportation.

7. Blind numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 will each have one alternate hunting location marked by a designated stake. The hunting parties assigned to a blind with an alternate hunting location have a choice of hunting at either the permanent blind or at the staked location. A hunting party may not split up and position hunters at both the blind and the stake locations. At the staked location, hunters must stay within 50 feet of the stake and can hunt from a shoreline position or may hunt from the boat. Hunting from a boat that has been altered for the purpose of concealment will require possession of a state floating blind license in addition to the MCB hunting blind daily permit.

8. Waterfowl hunters shall clean blinds after use, ensuring that no litter and spent shells are left behind.

*3005. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HUNTING STANDS. The guest hunting office, GCS, will maintain hunting stands that are accessible by wheelchair and will be made available to MCB licensed hunters who are permanently confined to a wheelchair. Priority use of these stands will be given to VETERAN (military ID card required) hunters

but one stand daily will be reserved for use by a qualifying civilian hunter. These hunters will be authorized to take antlerless deer during any designated deer hunting season. A wheelchair hunter is authorized to reserve on a daily basis one of these stands and an adjacent stand for an invited hunting partner/escort of his/her choice by calling the guest office, GCS, 703-784-2374 in advance of the desired hunting date. A hunter may reserve only one hunting date at any given time. Wheelchair hunters must have an able-bodied partner/escort. Any stands not reserved by 1200 noon the day prior to the hunting day will be released for use by any wheelchair hunter, including those who have made a future reservation. These stands are not be used by able-bodied hunters.

3006. SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS

*1. Archery-Only Areas. Due to noise and safety considerations, some hunting areas will be open only for archery hunting. Crossbows, compound bows and traditional longbows are all considered archery tackle and may be used in these areas. Archery only areas are enrolled in the VA Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). The annual MCB hunting bulletin will specify DMAP, daily and season bag limits in archery hunting areas. Firearms may not be carried at any time or during any season when hunting in these areas. Blaze orange clothing will be required in the archery-only areas during the firearms deer season. Any legal game species or nuisance species may be taken in archery areas as long as all shots are taken with a downward trajectory from elevated stands where required. Checkout to these areas will be done as described in paragraph 3003, and in addition, the following special provisions shall apply:

a. Mainside Area. The Mainside area is located east of U.S. Highway 1 and north of Chopawamsic Creek as indicated at figure 3-4. This area is developed with housing, recreational, administrative and educational facilities. Despite this development the area supports a large deer population that has resulted in numerous deer/vehicle collisions. For this reason the area has been enrolled in the VA DMAP. Archery hunting will be permitted in this area for the purpose of controlling the deer herd and the number of vehicle accidents. There are generally no access controls to the woodlands in the Mainside area. Because of this, horseback riders, joggers, children and hunters may be present in the area at the same time. Accordingly, it is essential that hunters meet specific qualifications and obey restrictive guidelines to ensure that hunting is conducted safely and with minimal impact upon other woodland uses. Policies and procedures for hunting in the Mainside area are as follows:

* (1) In addition to the requirements for hunting at this Base, which are stated in paragraph 3000, hunters will be required to attend a Mainside specific hunting lecture and pass an archery skills test at the GCS archery qualification range. The archery skills test will be administered by GCS personnel and will be open to all MCB licensed hunters. Presentation of completion certificates from certified bow hunting education courses, which include field archery qualifications, may be accepted by the GCS as fulfillment of the archery skills requirements. Times for the Mainside qualification will be announced in the annual MCB hunting bulletin.

(2) Hunters who fulfill requirements for hunting at Mainside will be authorized to checkout daily permits to designated parking areas shown at figure 3-5. Hunters must park only in their assigned parking area. From that parking area, hunters will be allowed to hunt in any part of the open hunting area adjacent to their assigned parking area so long as the hunter travels on foot and does not enter any "No Hunting" zones. A maximum quota of 1 hunter per 20 acres of hunting space will be allowed.

(3) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands and must put them up and take them down daily. Hunting from the ground is not permitted; hunters must be in the stand before nocking an arrow.

(4) When a hunter is finished for the day, all harvested deer will be loaded inside the hunter's vehicle and transported directly to the GCS for check-in. Handling of game will be done in a manner that avoids offending the non-hunting public and individuals who would prefer not to see dead animals. If a wounded deer leaves the hunting zone, crosses a highway, or enters a residential area, the hunter will immediately notify the GCS and request assistance in retrieving the deer.

(5) Because horseback riders and joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for these personnel and horses. Hunters will not hunt near trails nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

(6) The map at figure 3-5 shows a minimum 200-meter no hunting, safety zone around developed facilities. This zone will not be marked with signs or paint because there are no roads, trails, or natural features delineating these areas that can be easily posted. Hunters will be responsible for learning the topography of the area in which they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is at least 200 meters away from developed areas.

* (7) Hunters are encouraged to harvest as many antlerless deer as possible from the Mainside area.

* (8) The MCB stables, dependent schools, and golf course will maintain liaison with the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch, G-5, at 703-432-6776/6774, to advise when special (non-routine) events are occurring that would make it preferable to close hunting in the Mainside area.

(9) The Mainside area will be open for archery hunting as often as possible throughout the entire VA deer season.

(10) Safety is paramount. Any violation of MCB regulations while in the Mainside area will result in the suspension of Mainside hunting privileges for the entire season.

(11) Hunters will only be allowed in Mainside hunting areas while children are at school; therefore, hunting will be allowed only on school days and will cease at 1400. Hunters must ensure that they depart from the hunting area early enough to remove all hunting equipment and deer from the area and return to the GCS no later than 1500.

(12) Personnel who have met all qualifications for hunting in the Mainside area may get permission to do pre-season scouting by obtaining a scouting pass from the GCS. Scouting is allowed from 0800 to 1400 and hunters must park at a designated Mainside parking area. Scouting passes must be returned to the GCS by 1500.

b. Training Area 5C. MCB #2 borders this training area on the northwest, Beaverdam Run on the north, Smith Lake on the east, and Aquia Creek on the south, as shown at figure 3-4. This area is in close proximity to Camp Barrett that houses TBS. As a result, Smith Lake Road is often utilized for physical fitness training and other activities associated with TBS. The following policies and procedures for archery hunting within this training area are as follows:

* (1) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. However, hunters are responsible for the security of their own stands; the government is not liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

(2) Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters will not hunt closer than 50 meters to any trail nor shoot towards or across any trail or road.

* (3) Hunters may park along MCB #2, at a designated parking area on MCB #3 south of the Range Management Office, or Smith Lake Road to access this area. All other woodland trails are off-limits to vehicles.

(4) Hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of MCB #2 & 3 and within 100 meters of Smith Lake Road.

c. Training Area 6C. Located adjacent to Quantico National Cemetery. Hunters may park along either route 619 or the open sections of Breckinridge Road. Do not enter the "No Hunting" buffer zone between this base and cemetery property.

* d. Training Area 7C. This area is located next to TBS; hunters should always be alert that Marines are training in adjacent areas. Access is provided at a designated parking area east of the Barrett A gate, at a designated parking area near the Washboard B gate, and along MCB #3 west of LZ #7 and east of the R-3B gate.

* e. Training Area 8A and 8B. The boundaries of these areas are shown at figure 3-4. The areas are in close proximity to TBS and the FBI National Academy. Therefore, these areas are used extensively for physical training by military and FBI personnel. Further, the area is adjacent to Murphy Demolition Range, where high explosives are used and tested. Dove hunting may be allowed in LZs Cockatoo and Raven during the early dove season per paragraph 3006.3. Otherwise, the area is restricted to archery hunting and the following policies and procedures are applicable:

* (1) Hunters are required to use portable tree stands but are not required to put them up and take them down daily. However, hunters are responsible for the security of their own stands; the government is not liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. The requirement to use tree stands is waived during the spring gobbler season.

* (2) Hunters must park along paved roads, MCB #1, MCB #2, MCB #3 or MCB #4, adjacent to open hunting portions of training area 8. Roads and trails leading into the area are **off limits** to vehicular traffic.

(3) Hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of paved roads and developed areas, and within 100 meters of Application Trail. Because joggers will be using the woodland trails, hunters will constantly be alert for this activity. Hunters must position themselves away from woodland trails and must ensure that they do not shoot arrows across any roads or trails. These no hunting zones are not delineated or marked. Hunters are responsible for learning the topography of the area that they intend to hunt and for determining that the placement of their hunting stand is in keeping with these guidelines.

f. Camp Upshur Area. This area is located north of Cedar Run in training area 17B. Archery hunting is permitted in the woodland areas that are at least 200 meters away from paved roads and buildings. The dove field on the north side of the camp may be open for scheduled dove hunts (using appropriate firearms munitions per paragraph 3006.3) during the early dove season. Otherwise, all hunting must be done entirely within woodland areas out-of-sight from personnel occupying the developed area. The authorized archery hunting area is accessible from the 3 designated parking areas shown at figure 3-6.

* g. Engineer Test Area (ETA). This archery area is the portion of training area 4 adjacent to the former ETA, now known as the Transportation Demonstration Support Area. The boundaries of this area will be posted with signs, "ETA-Archery Hunting Only." This area is accessible from U.S. Route 1 and County Route 660 near Boswell's Corner. All hunters must park in a designated parking area: either adjacent to the ETA gate or in the marked parking area along Telegraph Road. No hunting is permitted within 200 meters of ETA buildings.

h. Training Area 2. The portion of training area 2 bounded by Buffalo Road, Engineer Road, Wake Trail and Guadalcanal Trail is designated as an archery only area. The OCS S-3 office will notify the GCS when this area can be hunted.

* i. Training Area 17C. This hunting area is bordered by S.R. 611 and MCB #8. Hunters must note the presence of privately owned homes along the densely vegetated western border of this area and keep a safe distance

2. Training Areas 3 and 4. Access to these areas is permitted only from the Engineer Road entrance near the correctional facility in the OCS area. Hunters will be assigned to these areas, and both archery and gun hunting will be allowed, per the standard hunting procedures set forth in this manual and in the annual MCB hunting bulletin.

Hunters are advised that this is a sensitive area, used frequently for OCS training and physical training (particularly jogging) by Base personnel. The OCS S-3 Office schedules the use of training areas 3 and 4, and therefore shall be responsible for determining the days that hunting can be conducted safely. The CO OCS, has final approval to allow hunting in these training areas. OCS will send written notification to the Head, NREA Branch, G-5 concerning dates that hunting has been approved. At 1100 the day prior to an approved hunting day, the GCS will call the OCS S-3 office to verify authorization to release daily hunting permits to these training areas. The evening prior to the commencement of hunting in training area 3 and 4, OCS shall post signs at the entrances to OCS and Engineer Road notifying the public that hunting is in progress and that the trails are closed. OCS will notify PAO about the trail status. Despite the trail closings, hunters are informed to be aware that some joggers may use the area anyway. Hunters will operate vehicles at a safe speed and may only drive on Engineer Road, Buffalo Road and Iwo Jima Trail. Designated hunting areas and appropriate "NO HUNTING" safety zones as shown in figure 3-5 will be posted by the Head, NREA Branch.

*3. Dove Hunting Areas. Dove hunting in designated fields may be scheduled for Labor Day weekend and other September days as indicated in the annual MCB hunting bulletin or as subsequently posted at the GCS. Numbers of hunters allowed in fields will be controlled by safety quotas established for each specific field based upon the size and shape of the field. Each hunter assigned to a field, regardless of age, will count against the daily quota of passes. Hunters may not switch dove fields during a hunting day without receiving authorization from the GCS. Dove hunters will only use shot sizes 7 1/2, 8, or 9.

*4. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partner. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 3005. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands. The hunting partner may not take antlered bucks but may take antlerless deer during the entire archery and firearms seasons. Other game such as squirrel, dove, and turkey may be taken during legal seasons. Shotguns and muzzleloading guns per the reference may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

3007. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. No Hunting Zones. Hunting is not permitted within 200 meters of ammunition and fuel storage areas, built-up areas, rifle and pistol

ranges, dwellings or other occupied structures, and designated recreation areas. During the deer firearms season, hunting is prohibited within 200 meters of paved roads. During the other hunting seasons, hunting is prohibited within 100 meters of paved roads.

2. Buddy System. Hunters are encouraged to hunt with a partner; in case one person becomes ill, injured or lost, the other can get help.

*3. Mandatory Personal Safety Equipment. All hunters **must** carry a compass, flashlight, and whistle as safety measures to help reduce occurrences of late and lost hunters. It is advised that hunters carry mobile telephones to be able to call for assistance. Communication via mobile telephone will not lessen a hunter's responsibility to return to the GCS on time.

*4. Blaze Orange. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on MCB property during the firearms deer season will wear a solid blaze orange hat and outer body clothing with at least two square feet of blaze orange visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also be marked with 2 square feet of blaze orange visible from 360 degrees. Duck hunters in approved blinds or in boats in route to such blinds are not required to wear blaze orange clothing. Duck hunters in route on foot, such as going to and from blind C, must wear blaze orange. Use of blaze orange during all hunting seasons is strongly encouraged.

5. Keeping a Safe Distance. Hunters need to be mindful of each other's presence in the woods. There are two occasions of particular concern. First is the potential hazard of squirrel hunters to shoot upwards into trees where camouflaged archery hunters are sitting motionless in tree stands. Second is the possibility of spring gobbler hunters shooting towards another camouflaged hunter. Archers and spring gobbler hunters are encouraged to mark their hunting locations with blaze orange bands and to whistle or otherwise signal their presence to approaching hunters. Ethical hunters, when notified of the presence of another hunter, will depart the area immediately to avoid interference with the hunter who is already in position to hunt. This separation distance should be at least 200 meters.

*6. Transportation of Weapons. Weapons must be encased or broken down and unloaded while being transported in vehicles and must remain in vehicles until hunters are at their assigned hunting location. Weapons and ammunition must be separated during transport. There

are two rule exceptions: (1) archery hunters taking the Mainside qualification test at the GCS may carry their archery equipment to the qualification point; and (2) hunters who drive separate vehicles to the GCS parking lot may transfer their equipment into one vehicle if they are going to proceed to a hunting area together.

7. Unexploded Ordnance. All hunting areas may contain unexploded munitions (duds) which are dangerous and must not be removed or disturbed. Hunters should mark the area of such duds with rags or other means and **immediately** report their location to the GCS.

8. Evacuate Hunting Areas. Hunters must immediately leave the assigned hunting area and return to the GCS if:

(a) Continuous siren blasts, signaling emergency or unsafe conditions, are heard.

(b) There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training exercises within the assigned hunting area. It means that either the hunters or the military personnel are in the wrong area. For safety of all personnel, hunters shall leave the area immediately and report the problem to the GCS. GCS personnel will coordinate with the Head, RMB to determine the cause of the problem. Once the problem has been corrected, the hunter shall either be assigned to another hunting area or will be allowed back into the first assigned area.

*3008. TREE STAND USE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES. Permanently installed tree stands are not authorized, with the exception of those installed by NREA Branch for the support of guest and wheelchair accessible hunting programs. Portable stands and temporary installations are permitted. MCB hunters use tree stands at their own risk; the government is neither responsible for accidents and injuries that may occur nor liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands that are left unattended. Many hunters enjoy hunting from tree stands because the elevated position gives the hunter a better view of the ground area around the tree stand. Shooting downward from the elevated position is safer than flat trajectory (ground) shots because the projectile will impact closer to the shooting position where the hunter has good visibility. Despite the positive benefits of tree stands, some hunters are injured and killed as a result of accidents resulting from the climbing of trees and improper use of tree stands. Case in point, in 1992 a MCB Marine died when his climbing tree stand slipped and he was asphyxiated by his safety line

which tightened around his chest. To help prevent accidents, hunters shall abide by the following guidelines for the use of tree stands while hunting at this base.

1. In the Mainside area, they must be erected and taken down on a daily basis.

2. In the other hunting areas, the following rules apply:

a. On non-hunting days, persons wanting to enter a training area for the purpose of installing a tree stand must obtain written permission from the RMB prior to entering the training area. On hunting days, persons wanting to install tree stands will checkout a daily hunting permit from the GCS. If the quota of hunters has been reached in an area, no further hunt related access will be allowed for that area.

b. Any tree stand left overnight in a MCB hunting area must be marked with the name and telephone number of the owner.

c. Tree stands and all attachment hardware must be removed from MCB property no later than 31 January following the close of deer hunting season. No metal objects are to be permanently embedded in trees because damage to chain saws, sawmill blades and equipment operators can occur if saw blades strike steel objects hidden in the timber.

d. Tree stands must be inspected prior to each use to ensure that there are no damaged parts or loose handholds or footholds.

e. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the assembly and use of the model of tree stand that you use. These instructions must be followed.

f. Climbing tree stands equipped with heel and toe straps must not be altered and the straps must be used while climbing.

g. The proper use of a safety strap or harness is recommended when hunting from the tree stand and while climbing up and down. A safety harness specifically designed for this purpose and equipped with a safety release mechanism should be used. The distance of slack between one's body and the tree should not exceed 18-24 inches. A safety strap must never be used in a manner where the strap can cinch up around one's body.

*3. Do not climb with anything in hand. Use an equipment haul line to raise and lower your **unloaded** gun, archery tackle, or other equipment.

3009. RESTRICTIONS AND FORBIDDEN PRACTICES

1. There will be no hunting on Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and after 1100 on Thanksgiving Day.
2. An authorized adult 21 years of age or older can escort no more than two youth hunters (under the age of 18) or non-hunting companions. The adult must pick-up the daily permit from the GCS. The underage hunters must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 meters away from the adult escort. During spring gobbler season or while hunting in designated dove fields, underage hunters must stay within 10 meters of the adult escort.
3. Hunting will not commence prior to one-half hour before sunrise and will end not later than sunset. **WEAPONS WILL NOT BE LOADED OUTSIDE OF HUNTING HOURS.** The hours of sunrise and sunset are posted daily at the GCS in the display case outside the GCS.
- *4. Deer will be hunted only with archery tackle, shotguns loaded with slugs, and muzzle loading rifles .45 caliber or larger.
 - a. Shotguns with barrels having lands and grooves will be allowed at the base for shooting slugs.
 - b. A hunter who has already met the daily or season bag limit on deer may continue to hunt for other in-season game but may not carry slugs, a shotgun loaded with slugs or a muzzle loading rifle.
5. The use of any rifle, revolver, or pistol (except for muzzle-loading rifle as permitted above) is prohibited. This prohibition extends to carrying such weapons on the person or in a vehicle while hunting.
6. Buckshot may not be used to hunt any game and may not be possessed on one's person or in one's vehicle while hunting at MCB.
7. During spring gobbler season, hunters will be limited to shooting hours beginning one-half hour before sunrise and ending at 1200 daily. Organized drives, dogs, or electronic calling devices are prohibited. Shot sizes 6 and 4 are recommended. No shot larger than number 2 will be permitted.
- *8. Firearms may not be carried when hunting with archery tackle during the **special archery/crossbow seasons** or anytime during regular hunting seasons in the archery only areas. During the regular

hunting seasons, a hunter may carry both archery and authorized firearms equipment in areas open to gun hunting and must abide by all rules and regulations affecting gun hunters.

9. It is prohibited to use any type of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, taking, or attempting to take game at anytime during the year.

10. Dogs may not be used for hunting or tracking deer and deer dogs may not be trained on the reservation.

11. Trapping of any animal is prohibited, except as duly authorized by a MCB trapping license.

12. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge are prohibited.

13. Hunters may not shoot dogs. Hunters are asked to report locations of feral (wild) dogs to the GCS. Any person shooting or injuring a dog may be subject to civil action under VA Code 3.1-796.127.

14. Organized deer drives are prohibited.

15. Hunters may not use any form of bait or salt to lure or attract game animals. Hunters may not hunt over (within 50 yards) mineral licks that the NREA Branch places in the training areas for the benefit of wildlife.

*16. Shooting or harming any protected wildlife species is forbidden.

*17. Target shooting is prohibited in MCB training areas. Target shooting is allowed only at the MCB rifle ranges during scheduled recreational shooting hours. Contact the Quantico Shooting Club for information at 703-640-6336.

18. Any hunter that uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs in MCB training areas is subject to loss of hunting privileges and prosecution under Federal or state law. This prohibition extends to carrying alcohol or illegal drugs in a vehicle while officially checked out to hunt.

3010. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION. The following regulations apply to the operation of motor vehicles. Violations of these provisions are subject to prosecution.

1. Motorcycles, including mopeds and three- and four-wheeler All Terrain Vehicles, may not be used while hunting. Self-propelled non-motorized bicycles may be used for transportation on trails authorized for foot travel.
2. Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. The only exception is for guest hunting coordinators, guests and wheelchair hunters in designated guest hunting areas. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and graveled roads open to normal vehicular travel as shown on the MCB hunting map available at the GCS. These roads are subject to being closed for military training exercises, inclement weather, etc. At no time are hunters permitted to drive around closed range gates. Violators are subject to prosecution.
3. Hunters operate vehicles at their own risk and are solely responsible for any towage fees they may incur. They must inform the GCS as soon as possible in the event their vehicle breaks down or becomes immovable.
- *4. Vehicles may not be parked in a manner to restrict the operation of range gates or block access to any road or trail. Vehicles must be parked completely off of paved road surfaces. These vehicles may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- *5. Hunters must park adjacent to their assigned open hunting area so that they can access their assigned area without trespassing through any other training areas. There are three exceptions. Hunters may park at the intersection of route 617 and MCB 6 for access to training area 10C. Hunters may walk route 617 to access 10C but may not enter training areas 10A or 11A while in route. Hunters may park at the intersection of route 610 and 644 to access training area 9D; hunters may walk route 644 to access 9D but may not enter training areas 7A or 9C while in route. Hunters may park in 7C adjacent to the Washboard B Gate and walk down Washboard Road to access 7B.
6. Hunters shall not park in or adjacent to restricted "No Hunting" zones.
7. Game wardens will use discretion in determining if a vehicle is reasonably parked in the proper area; road shoulder conditions, etc., may require a hunter to park on the other side of the road from the assigned hunting area.

3011. REPORTS

- *1. Upon killing a deer, bear, or turkey, the hunter must immediately notch the appropriate tab on the big game license before moving the animal from the place of kill. That hunter must then take the game to the MCB GCS where an official VA Game Check Card will be issued. The GCS will provide special reporting instructions if wounded game cannot be recovered during normal GCS working hours.
- *2. All game taken at this base, to include small game, waterfowl, and furbearers, must be reported at the GCS when checking out at the end of a hunt; failure to do so may result in the curtailment of MCB hunting privileges. Neckband or leg band numbers from all tagged or marked animals or birds must be reported. The removal of unreported game from the base may result in forfeiture of base privileges.

*3012. VIOLATIONS. Violators of hunting regulations, safety regulations, or principles of good sportsmanship are subject to administrative curtailment of hunting privileges and criminal judicial proceedings in state or Federal court. Recommended penalties for routine violations are listed in chapter 6. Base game wardens have discretionary authority to increase or decrease these penalties based on the circumstances of the violation. This is a lawful general order and applies to military members without further implementation. Violations may result in prosecution under the UCMJ as well as adverse administrative action authorized by the United States Code or Federal Regulations.

3013. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. The AC/S G-5 will authorize the closure of hunting season when necessary to limit the take in consonance with good conservation practices, protect public safety, or allow for special operations such as snow removal.
- *2. Hunters are encouraged to lock their vehicles while hunting. MCB is not responsible for damages, theft, or injuries done to one's person or property while aboard the installation. Individuals **HUNT AT THEIR OWN RISK!** Any damage, theft, or injury done to property or person should be reported to the military police at 703-784-2251 or to the game warden at 703-432-6793/6794/6795.

3. Guest Hunting. Official command guests may be assigned to hunting areas per the instructions provided at appendix A. Guests assigned to hunt in a training area, such as 11B, in which a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by a Surface Danger Zone (SDZ), will initially be accompanied and instructed by either an NREA staff member or a guest hunting coordinator who has been appointed per appendix B. Per MCO P3570.1 and MCBO P1500.1, no personnel at any time may enter an active SDZ.

4. Vehicle Collisions With Wild Animals. Operators of motor vehicles must notify the military Police at 703-784-2251 in cases of collision with wild animals where either property damage occurs or a deer, bear, turkey or bald eagle is injured or killed. The operator of a privately owned vehicle may be given custody of dead game animals. In cases involving government owned vehicles, or where the operator refuses custody, the animal will be taken to the Game Warden Office, Building 5-9, for disposition. Only game warden personnel are authorized to give custody of dead game animals to motor vehicle operators or to otherwise dispose of injured or dead game animals. MCB organizations may send written requests to the CG MCB (B 046) requesting venison for use at organizational parties. The U.S. Government bears no responsibility for problems associated with the preparation, serving, and consuming of such food sources. Requesters will be required to acknowledge this caveat on their request. Organizational commanders are hereby notified that venison provided for organizational parties cannot be either offered for sale or transported from MCB property.

5. Hunting With Dogs

a. It is unlawful to use dogs to hunt or track deer on the base. Any hunter or member of a party of hunters who kills a deer while hunting with dogs will be subject to the loss of MCB hunting privileges.

b. Dogs may be used to hunt fall turkey, quail, dove, rabbit, grouse, woodcock, squirrel, and waterfowl in any open hunting area, except as follows. On deer either-sex hunting days during the firearms season, dogs may not be used for hunting in training areas open to deer hunting. Every effort will be made to have some areas, which are closed to deer hunting, open exclusively for turkey and upland game hunting with dogs. Upland game hunters are advised to equip their dogs with blaze orange collars and bells to help identify the dogs as hunting dogs.

c. On the day of the hunt, hunters using dogs to hunt small game or wild turkey may checkout up to two hunting areas when space is available.

*6. Training Hunting Dogs. From 1 September through 31 March, inclusive, persons may train personally owned dogs on rabbits and non-migratory game birds. The following checkout procedures must be followed. On Sundays and on non-hunting days, dog trainers must obtain written permission from the Range Management Office at 703-784-5321 prior to entering a specified training area. On hunting days, dog trainers will checkout at the GCS as if they are hunting. Therefore, on hunting days, they will have to meet all the requirements for hunting and will be assigned a daily hunting permit. Either written permission or a hunting/parking permit must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard. On non-hunting days, this permission does not constitute permission to hunt and carrying weapons under these conditions is prohibited. Trainers desiring to use blank pistols or other noise making devices on non-hunting days will list those devices as part of the process of obtaining written permission. Trainers may not use live pen-reared birds for dog training unless the birds are shackled to prevent escape and the Game Warden Office has been notified in advance 703-432-6793/6794/6795. Pen-reared game may not be released upon MCB property.

*7. Wounded Game Policy. Hunters will make every effort to recover wounded game. If wounded game crosses into another training area, the hunter must contact the GCS to seek authorization to access the training area.

a. Same Day Recovery

* (1) A hunter who has a harvested bear or deer in their possession by sunset, but is deep in a training area and doubts that they can return to the CGS on time, may contact the GCS by cell phone to request permission to be late. The GCS will establish a reasonable return deadline depending upon the location of the hunter.

* (2) A hunter who has not recovered wounded game by sunset shall return to the GCS to check-in on time. The hunter may then request permission to go back to the training area to track the game. The GCS may grant permission if the following conditions are true: a good blood trail has been located and marked; weather conditions are not hazardous and are suitable for tracking game; the hunter has a buddy (no one goes out alone after dark); the hunter

has adequate flashlights or lanterns; and the game trail is still in an area open to public access. The GCS will provide the hunter with instructions on how to check back in from the search and how to report found game.

b. Next Day Recovery. A hunter who is unable to recover wounded game on the day of hunting may request permission to track and recover the game on the following day. If the requested area is open, the GCS will provide authorization for entry into the area. If tracking is to occur on a non-hunting day (such as Sunday), the request for tracking must be made at the GCS on the preceding hunting day. The GCS operator will provide the hunter with instructions for registering the recovered animal and the hunter must checkout on Sunday at Range Control prior to entering any hunting area. Range Control shall ensure that the hunter has been authorized by the GCS to track wounded game.

*8. Refrigeration Policy. The outdoor refrigeration locker located at the GCS is available for temporary use by Quantico hunters. Permission to store game in the locker will be granted or denied by the Game Warden, NREA Branch, based upon the availability of space. Game stored must be removed within 48 hours, or sooner upon request of the game warden. A VA Game Check Card must be attached to all stored game. The government is not responsible for loss of meat due to theft or spoilage. Failure to remove game on time is punishable by forfeiture of game and suspension of refrigerator use privileges, unless prior arrangements have been made due to an emergency.

9. Skinning Shed Policy. The outdoor skinning shed at the GCS is available for use by Quantico hunters during GCS operating hours. Anyone wanting to use the area must ask for permission at the GCS. The GCS operator will hold the hunter's MCB license while the hunter uses the skinning shed. The GCS will provide a hose with running water (weather permitting), trashcans and liners. The hunter is responsible for thoroughly cleaning the work area when he/she is finished. This includes emptying the trash can into the dumpster at the hunter parking lot, and rinsing all work surfaces and the trash can.

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APPLICATION TO HUNT OR TRAP ABOARD MCB QUANTICO

<p>NOTE: This application must be filled out completely. Falsification of any information is a violation of MCB regulations and will result in the termination of hunting or trapping privileges. PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.</p>							
<p>CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL HUNTING <input type="checkbox"/> 3-DAY HUNTING <input type="checkbox"/> TRAPPING</p>							
1. LAST NAME:			2. FIRST NAME:			3. MI:	4. SUFFIX: (e.g., Sr.)
5. SSN: (Last 4)	6. DATE OF BIRTH:	7. AGE:	8. STREET ADDRESS:		9. CITY:		
10. STATE:	11. ZIP CODE:	12. HOME PHONE:	13. WORK PHONE:	14. Were you an MCB Quantico licensed hunter last season? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO LICENSE NO.:			
15. DRIVERS LICENSE:		16. STATE:	17. AUTO LICENSE TAG:		18. STATE:		
19. PERSONNEL CATEGORY: (Check the first applicable category.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Active duty Marine. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Active duty military (not USMC) at MCB Quantico or HQMC. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Family member of #1 or #2 above. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Active duty military. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Retired military. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Family member of #4 or #5 above. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. House guest of #1, #2, or #4 above. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Military reservist. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Active or retired MCB Quantico civilian employee. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. All other personnel.				20. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> MCB LICENSE NUMBER: </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> CARD COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> BROWN </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> ISSUE DATE </div>			
21. CHECK IF APPLICABLE FOR NO-COST HUNTING LICENSE: <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERAGE HUNTER (UNDER 18) <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR CITIZEN (65 OR OVER) <input type="checkbox"/> DISABLED							
22. VA HUNT LICENSE NUMBER:				23. BIG GAME TAG NUMBER:			
24. FAMILY MEMBER OR HOUSE GUEST: (List the name, telephone number, and address of sponsor below.) 							

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Figure 3-1.--Application to Hunt or Trap Aboard MCB Quantico.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

1. AUTHORITY. 5 USC 301, 44 usc 3101.
2. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE. The information which is solicited is intended principally for the following purpose: To determine the status of personnel at the time of their application for permission to hunt or trap aboard MCB Quantico, VA, in an effort to allow only authorized personnel aboard the Federal installation.
3. ROUTINE USES. To maintain accountability of all persons authorized to hunt game or trap furbearers aboard MCB Quantico, VA.
4. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE, CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSING TO DISCLOSE. Disclosure is voluntary. However, if you do not provide the requested information, you may be denied authority to hunt or trap aboard MCB Quantico, VA.

(Signature)

(Date)

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Figure 3-1.--Application to Hunt or Trap Aboard MCB Quantico--
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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (RELEASE OF CLAIMS & WAIVER LIABILITY)

I am about to participate in activities associated with hunting to be held in military training areas at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

SITE SPECIFIC DANGERS: I understand that the designed hunting area, hunting stand, or hunting blind to which I will be assigned is located within an active military training complex which includes training areas and live fire ranges. I understand the following cautions with regard to these ranges and training areas. First, all such ranges and training areas have been designed for and used by the Marine Corps for training its personnel in the deadly art of individual and unit combat. Second, these ranges and training areas have been subject to countless live fire exercises and may well contain a variety of unexploded ordnance which, if triggered by or during my presence, could result in serious bodily injury or death to me. Third, all active weapons ranges have designed but unmarked safety zones known as Surface Danger Zones (SDZ) within which the projectiles from a given weapons system should be contained. While the specific hunting area, tree stand, or waterfowl hunting blind to which I am assigned on a given hunting day will not be within an active SDZ, I understand that it may be immediately adjacent to an active SDZ. I understand that if I leave my assigned hunting area, tree stand, or hunting blind by other than an authorized route, I may enter an active SDZ and expose myself to serious bodily injury or death. Finally, these ranges and training areas contain manmade and natural obstacles, some of which may be hidden, which could cause me to stumble, fall, and otherwise suffer serious bodily injury or death.

HUNTING DANGERS: I understand the following hazards inherent in the activity of hunting: hunters are equipped with weapons to include firearms and archery equipment that fire projectiles designed to cause death; hunting exposes me to these projectiles through my own actions and the actions of other hunters in handling the weapons, identifying game, and making decisions when and where to shoot; the climbing of trees, use of tree stands and associated climbing device expose me to serious bodily injury or death from falling; accessing hunting areas and retrieval of game is a rigorous outdoor activity which may expose me to hazards to include, but not limited to, weather extremes, physical exertion, catastrophic illness, hypothermia, drowning, falling debris from trees, toxins from plants and animals, diseases transmitted by ticks, and rabid animals.

In consideration of the privilege to participate in hunting, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, waive and release myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all liability for damages or injury that I may incur from participation in hunting and any and all rights, claims, demands and other actions which I would otherwise have as a result of my participation in hunting. This waiver of liability and release of claims extends to the following entities, their agents, employees, staff, representatives, successors, assigns and individuals, including such individuals when acting in either their official or personal capacities: the United States Government, the Department of Defense and of the Navy, the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC), Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commanding General, MCCDC and Commander, MCB Quantico. This release and waiver extends to any and all property damage, bodily injury or death I may suffer as a hunting participant due to the actions or decisions of such entities and individuals, whether made in good faith or through negligence. This waiver does not extend to intentional misconduct or actions taken with reckless disregard for human life and safety.

I understand that by signing this Agreement, I have abandoned any rights I may have, or any rights anyone associated with me may have, through legal or friendship or family ties, to sue the Federal government for any injury I may sustain because of my participation in hunting that results in any damage whatsoever to my property, my person, or in my death. By signing this document, I acknowledge that the Federal government, or any agency or employee thereof, is not liable for any injury I may sustain, to include death, as a result of my participation in hunting. This document shall remain in effect and be held until written notice of cancellation is received by the Commander, MCB Quantico.

(Initials) (Date)

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, THAT I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT, AND THAT I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND ASSUME THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

I understand that should I decline to execute this release of claim and waiver of liability, I will not be permitted to participate in hunting.

(Participant Signature) (Date) (Witness Signature) (Date)

(Participant Printed Name) (Witness Printed Name)

If participant is under 18 years of age:

(Signature of Parent/Guardian) on behalf of (Printed Name of Minor) (Date)

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR HUNTING AT MCB QUANTICO

I, _____ (print name), parent and/or legal guardian of _____ (print name of child), hereby authorize _____ (print name of adult escort) to accompany and supervise my child to hunt at MCB Quantico. My child and the adult designated above have completed all courses of instruction and licenses necessary to legally hunt in Virginia and at MCB Quantico.

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Date)

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Figure 3-2.--Parental Consent Form.

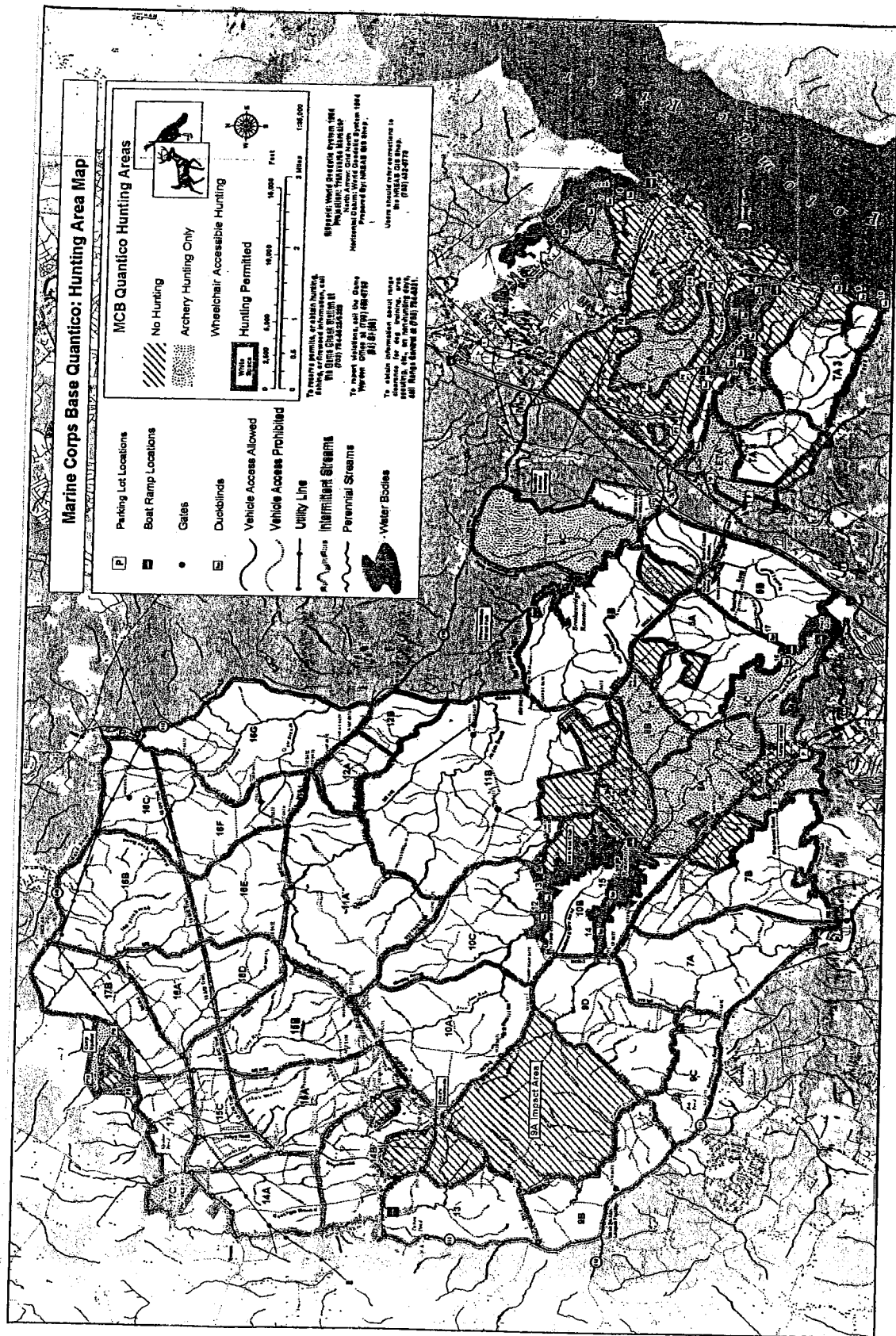


Figure 3-3.--Map of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Hunting Areas.

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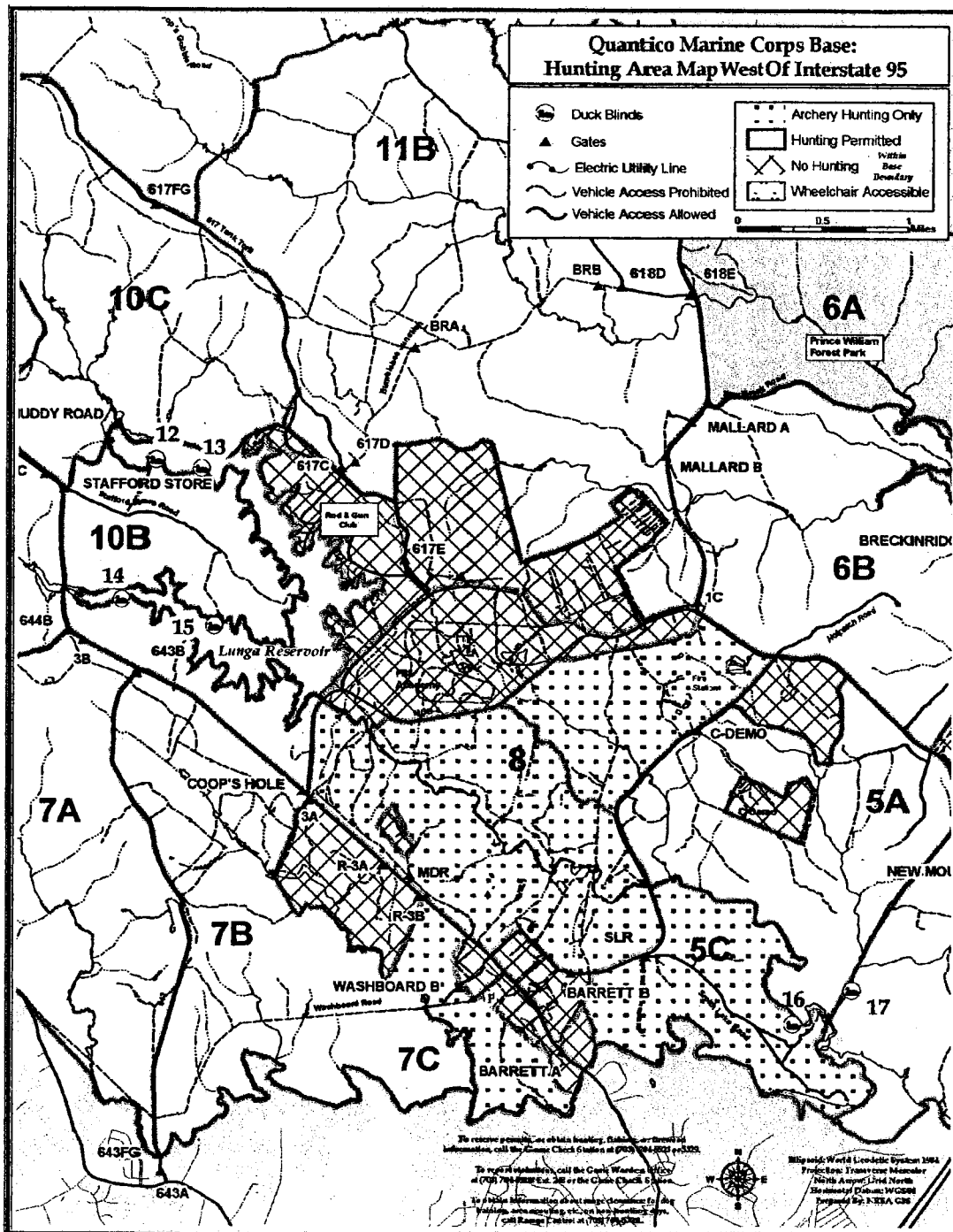


Figure 3-4.--Waterfowl Blinds West of Interstate 95 and Archery Only Hunting Areas in Training Areas 5, 7, and 8.

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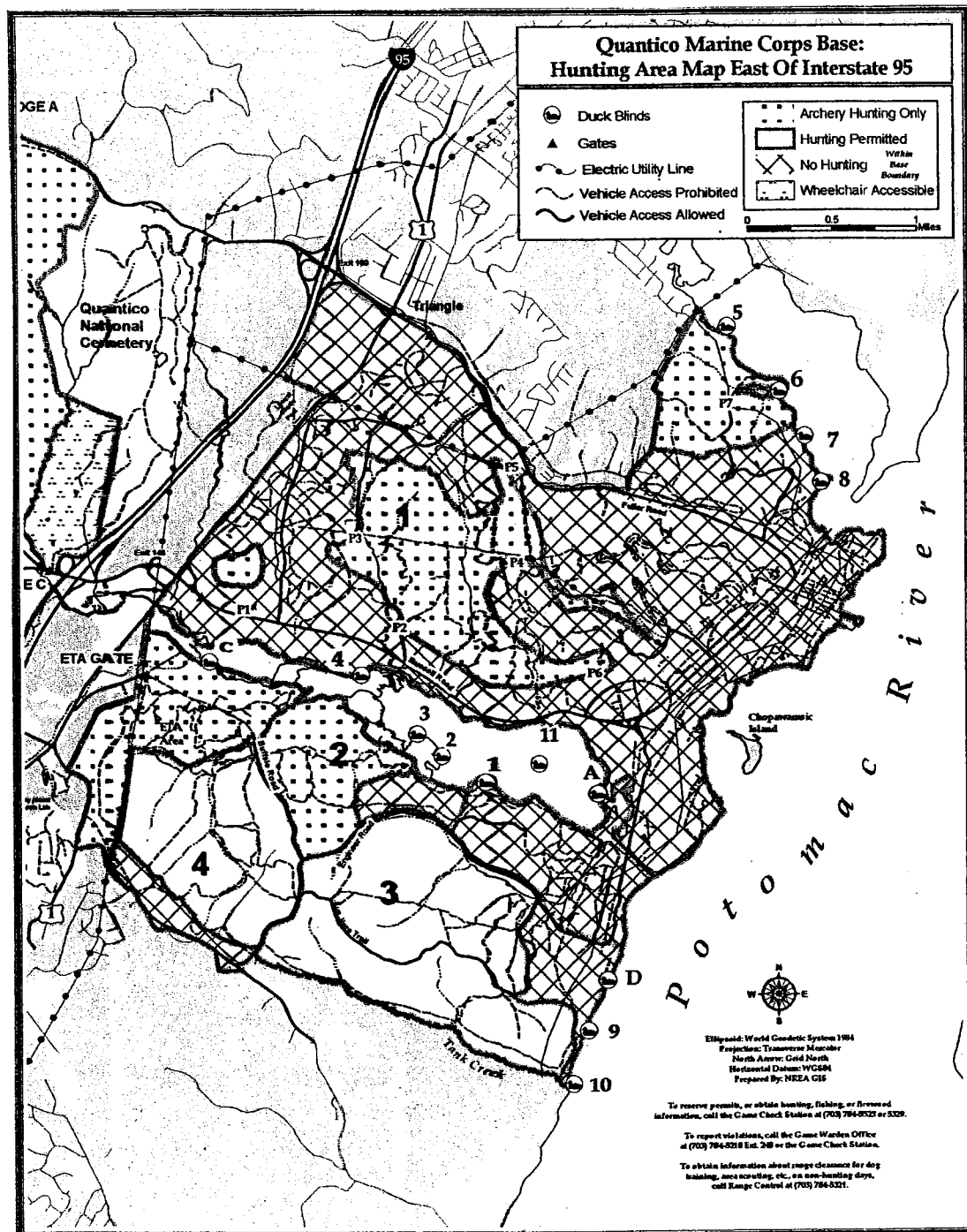


Figure 3-5.--Hunting Areas East of Interstate 95.

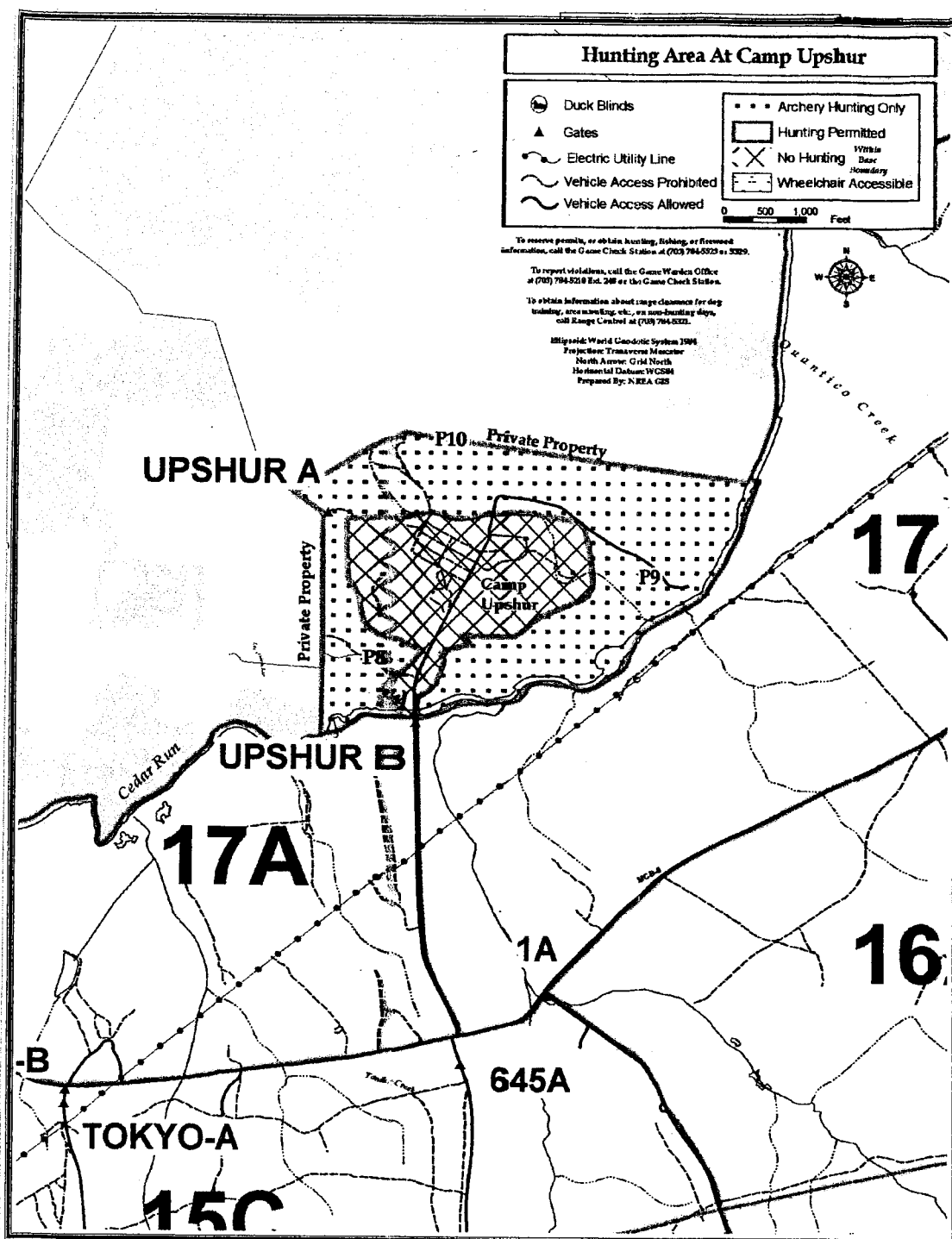


Figure 3-6.--Archery Only Hunting Areas at Camp Upshur.
(P# marks: designated parking areas)

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CHAPTER 4

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 4

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

4000. INFORMATION. Regulations herein are intended to maintain furbearer populations in balance with other resource management objectives and to diminish serious disease outbreaks associated with overpopulation of some mammalian species.

4001. PROCEDURES

1. Eligibility. To be eligible to trap aboard MCB, a person must be able to demonstrate knowledge and skill concerning the use of trapping equipment.

2. Age Restriction. While in a training area for the purpose of trapping, persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older).

3. Application for a Trapping Area. Persons wanting to trap must submit the application in figure 3-1 to the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5 prior to 1200 on the second Monday in November.

4. Assignment to a Trapping Area

a. Trappers will be assigned to trapping areas based on the following order of priority:

(1) Active duty Marines and military personnel stationed at MCB and HQMC.

(2) All persons having valid military ID card and current and retired civilian employees of MCB.

(3) All other civilians.

b. Within each priority group, names will be drawn from a hat to determine the order of priority.

c. At 1200 on the second Monday in November, trapping applicants will be assigned to the trapping areas designated in figure 4-1. Applications will be drawn in the order of priority established above. When a name is drawn, that trapper may choose one trapping area from the list of unassigned areas. If there are fewer than 11 trappers, the assignment of areas will repeat in the same order of priority and some trappers may be issued more than one area until all areas have been issued. If more than 11 trappers submit applications, only the 11 trappers with the highest priority will be assigned to areas.

5. Licenses. Trappers must have in their possession while in MCB training areas for the purpose of trapping, a VA trapping license and a MCB trapping license. The MCB trapping license costs \$10 and is valid for the same period as the VA license.

4002. REGULATIONS. Limits, seasons, times, and methods of trapping will conform to VA regulations except as otherwise specified below:

1. West of Interstate 95, trappers must check-in and checkout at the Range Control Office before and after entering and leaving training areas to set or check traps. Trappers can also get weekly information concerning access to training areas at the Range Control Office. In Training Areas 2, 3 and 4, the assigned trapper must coordinate access with the OCS S-3.

2. Authorized trappers will be assigned a trapping/parking permit for the training area(s) to which they are assigned. Trappers must clearly display the parking permit on the left side of the dash when parking in a training area for the purpose of trapping, and will keep the trapping permit on their person.

3. A non-ferrous metal name tag must be affixed to each trap. Traps without tags will be subject to confiscation by game law enforcement officers. The violator will lose the trapping privilege and will also be subject to prosecution in Federal and state court.

4. All traps must be checked daily. Trappers shall not set traps in areas that will not be accessible on the following day.

5. Trappers may not have additional persons setting or checking traps. They may allow persons to accompany them on their route. In the case of illness, etc., where a trapper cannot check the traps, the trapper may obtain authorization for a substitute to run the traps. The request shall be submitted to the Game Warden's Office (703-784-5218, extensions 249, 250, or 251).

6. Trappers may routinely operate motor vehicles on the paved and rocked roads designated for hunting access on the annual hunting map. When the use of other roads and trails is required to implement the trapping program, the Game Warden will provide written authorization to the appropriate trapper. When it is safe to do so, range gate keys may be issued on a daily basis by the Range Control Officer to provide trapping access to remote areas. The Range Control Officer has final determination on the assignment of keys.

7. No trap will be set within 200 meters of an occupied area, mess area, bleachers, recreational area, or other area frequented by troops or other persons.

8. Body gripping (Conibear type) traps may only be set totally underwater. Any other traps or trapping techniques must comply with regulations published by the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
9. Box traps may not be set for rabbits.
10. Trappers must report their catch weekly beginning 7 December until either they stop trapping or the season ends. Negative reports are required. The reports can be submitted verbally or in writing to the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA (703-784-5810 extension 234 or 240).
11. Trappers are authorized to carry a .22 caliber pistol for the sole purpose of safely and humanely dispatching trapped animals. Prior to carrying such weapon the Game Warden must be advised at 703-784-5218 extension 249, 250, or 251.
12. Trappers must wear at least 2 square feet of blaze orange above the waist and visible from 360 degrees if entering a training area during the firearms deer season.
13. Dens or houses of furbearers may not be disturbed.
14. Trappers will report any observed violation of trapping regulations to the Game Warden.
15. The additional special trapping procedures listed below are required due to the presence of housing areas and daily training exercises:
 - a. Camp Upshur. The assigned trapper, in addition to checking in and out at Range Control, must check-in/checkout daily with the OIC at Camp Upshur. The OIC may deny access for trapping when there is conflict with training.
 - b. Mainside. Because of adjacent housing areas, the assigned trapper must take procedures to prevent injury to pets and humans. Trapping will not be done within 200 meters of residences unless specifically requested by command officials for the control of nuisance animals that cannot be controlled through the normal activities of the Animal Control Warden. In such cases, only live-type box traps will be used. Body-gripping traps and snares will not be used in the Mainside trapping area except when authorized for the control of beavers. Leg-hold traps must be padded to prevent serious injury to birds of prey and wading species that frequent the marshes along the tidal shoreline of the Potomac River and Chopawamsic Creek.

16. The trapping program may be changed or terminated during a season to reflect changes in program or mission requirements. Trappers must abide by any special regulations or reporting requirements announced during the season.

4003. VIOLATIONS. Trappers who violate these regulations or VA trapping laws will be subject to termination of MCB trapping privileges and prosecution in Federal or state court.

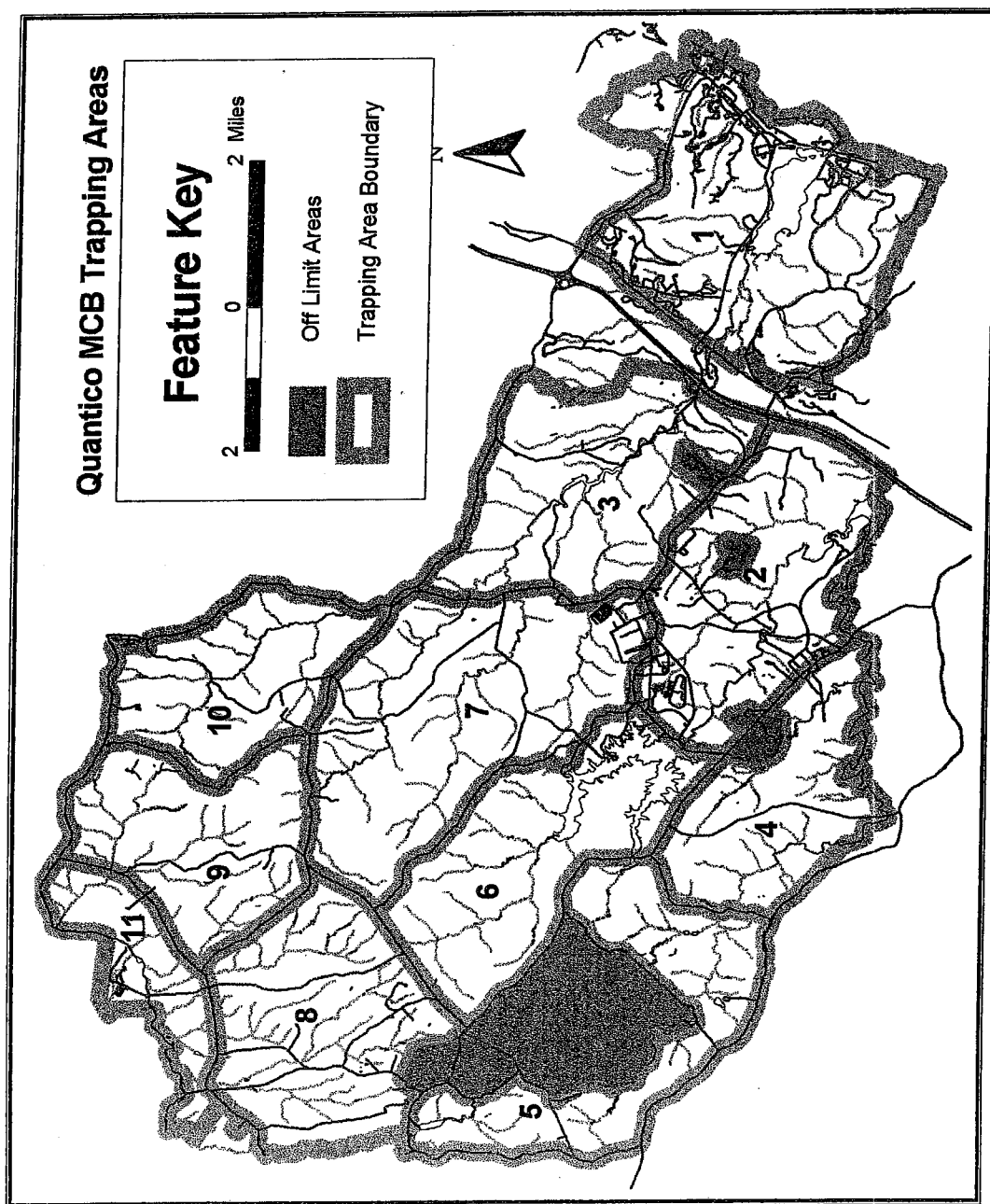


Figure 4-1.--Designated Trapping Areas.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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CHAPTER 5

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT

5000. INFORMATION

1. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1982, as amended, mandates that all Federal landowners are responsible for protecting wildlife species, within the boundaries of their property, that are listed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. This protection applies to the habitat as well as to individuals of the species. Currently, three Federally listed species have been identified on or adjacent to MCB property. These include 2 threatened species, the southern bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and the small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*). The bald eagle can be seen year around and is a regular nesting species. The small whorled pogonia is a small plant that has been located at 13 different sites on MCB property. One endangered species, the dwarf wedgemussel (*Alismadonta heterodon*), has been documented in Aquia Creek adjacent to Training Area 7A.

2. As a steward of Federally owned land, the CG MCB must identify and seek measures to protect and conserve any species found on the Base that are listed as threatened or endangered by state and Federal agencies.

3. Per the ESA, the CG MCB is required to notify the Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and appropriate VA agencies, if any proposed or ongoing actions would affect an endangered species or its habitat. Per MCO P5090.2, either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared if a proposed action may adversely affect a threatened or endangered species or its habitat. This National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation does not replace the consultation process required by the ESA.

5001. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Division Directors and Organizational Commanders. Ensure that any actions authorized, funded or carried out by their activity heads do not jeopardize the existence of listed species. This requirement shall be met by ensuring that appropriate NEPA documents are completed and approved by the MCB Environmental Impact Review Board prior to initiating any actions that will cause habitat disturbance or modify existing land use aboard MCB.

2. AC/S G-5

a. Notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and request informal or formal consultation if ongoing or proposed actions may affect a listed species.

b. Maintain an **Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan** that provides for the management and conservation of threatened and endangered species.

3. Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch, G-5. Conduct annual surveys to monitor the status and locations of known threatened and endangered species present at MCB and conduct surveys as required to determine the status of newly listed threatened or endangered species that might exist at MCB. Ensure that threatened and endangered species considerations are incorporated into all evaluations of proposed actions aboard MCB.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

6000. INFORMATION. All Federal and state laws concerning the harvest of fish and wildlife apply to all persons aboard MCB, Quantico regardless of the purpose of entry onto the Installation. In addition, the CG MCB has prescribed special regulations for persons using government lands and facilities. These regulations are binding as orders on all military personnel and are considered lawful regulations in federal court. Civilians who do not abide by these regulations may be restricted from entering the reservation.

6001. AUTHORITY. The MCB Game Wardens, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5 may issue summons to violators of Federal and state fish and game laws to appear in the appropriate court. They are also authorized to suspend hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges of anyone who violates the regulations prescribed by this Manual. Personnel operating the Game Checking Station (GCS) are authorized to take temporary custody of illegal wildlife brought to the GCS until a Game Warden can respond.

6002. DEFINITIONS

1. Hunting Day. One-half hour before sunrise to the close of hunting on a day open for hunting at MCB.
2. Season. The period for which the annual license has been issued; 1 January - 31 December for fishing, and 1 July - 30 June for hunting and trapping.
3. Debarment. Any individual debarred from MCB, Quantico may not enter the Base for any purpose.

6003. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. Persons who violate state, Federal or MCB fish and wildlife laws and regulations on MCB property are subject to both administrative restriction of their recreational privileges at MCB and issuance of citations to appear in state or Federal courts. Persons convicted of wildlife violations anywhere in the state of VA may be denied access to MCB property for the purpose of hunting.
2. The severity of administrative restrictions of recreational privileges will be based upon the seriousness of the offense. For example, the MCB Game Warden will use the following table as a guide in determining the number of hunting days for which a violator's

hunting privileges will be suspended. Suspensions may take effect either at the time the notice of violation is served or at a time specified at the discretion of the Game Warden.

6004. RECORDKEEPING. Records concerning violations, court proceedings, penalties imposed, etc. will be maintained by the Head, Environmental Law Enforcement Section, NREA Branch, G-5. Records concerning suspension of privileges shall be entered into the data processing system at the GCS to ensure that license sales and issuing of permits is done in coordination with the law enforcement function. Further, records concerning debarment from the Installation shall be forwarded to the Director, Public Safety Division.

<u>Violations</u>	<u>Administrative Action</u>	
	<u>1st Offense</u>	<u>2nd Offense</u>
Failure to display parking permit or loss of a hunting or parking permit.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to park and hunt in assigned area.	7-30 days	Season
Hunting or parking in a restricted area or "NO HUNTING" zone, or parking to block a range gate.	Season	N/A
Unauthorized driving around a locked range gate.	Season	N/A
Failure to check-in on time but is not more than 60 minutes late.	3-7 days	30 days
Failure to check-in on time and is more than 60 minutes late.	30 days	Season
Operating motorized vehicle on unauthorized road without written permission.	30 days	Season
Transporting a loaded weapon in a vehicle.	30 days	Season
Use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs.	7 days to all season	Debarment
Failure to wear blaze orange during deer firearms season	Season	N/A

Figure 6-1.--Table of Recommended Penalties for Administrative Restriction of Hunting Privileges.

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NONGAME MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL

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CHAPTER 7

NONGAME MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL

7000. INTRODUCTION

1. Many species of wildlife such as, but not limited to, song birds, birds of prey, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, and small mammals, have not traditionally been hunted or trapped for sport or commercial purposes, and are often called nongame species. The DoD and the DON are proactive in forming partnerships with other governmental and private organizations to promote ecosystem management and the conservation of all wildlife resources. Current partnerships include agreements to conduct biological inventories on DoD lands, programs to develop and promote public education and awareness such as Watchable Wildlife Areas, and the Partners in Flight Program to promote the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds.

2. Not all human and wildlife interactions are beneficial. For example, the presence of wild animals is usually not desired in living quarters and public buildings. Some diseases may be transmitted through contact with animals or their wastes. Although beavers are invaluable for creating wetlands, they become a nuisance when their dams flood roads, block storm drainage systems, and kill landscape plantings and commercial timber. Resident geese can foul walkways and recreation areas with droppings. The mitigation or prevention of wildlife related diseases or damage is known as animal damage control.

7001. PROTECTION. It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, or sell nongame wildlife species unless specifically permitted by law or regulation. European starling, English sparrow, mute swan, pigeon (rock dove), house mouse, Norway rat, black rat, coyote and groundhog are nongame species that have been designated nuisance species in VA and may be taken at any time. The use of firearms or other weapons to take animals at MCB must be per Base hunting regulations in chapter 3.

7002. POLICY

1. Nongame wildlife will only be collected, taken, or possessed aboard MCB per state and Federal regulations for the collection of nongame animals. Anyone wanting to capture, take or salvage nongame animals under state or Federal banding or collection permits shall request permission from the CG MCB (B 046). It is recommended that all living specimens be released at the place of capture at the earliest opportunity. Animals acquired from off the command from any source must not be released onto MCB property.

2. The command will be aggressive in fostering national, regional, DoD and DON objectives to inventory, preserve and enhance public awareness about significant biological resources.
3. The use of MCB facilities for the observation of birds and other wildlife is encouraged under the guidelines listed in paragraphs 7004.5 and 7004.6.
4. Animal damage control procedures will be used to protect human health and government facilities. Emphasis will be placed upon using the most efficient and humane techniques available to remedy problem situations.

7003. ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL. Responsibilities for the control of nuisance wildlife area as follows:

1. AC/S G-5. Has cognizance over all wildlife population control programs and will develop, approve, or implement plans as necessary to achieve desired goals.
2. CO Scty Bn. Direct the Animal Control Warden to respond to requests concerning the removal of stray or abused/neglected domesticated animals (pets) aboard MCB. Routine disposition of these animals will involve adoption or euthanasia. Domesticated animals (pets) suspected of being diseased will be transported by the Animal Control Warden to a disease testing facility.
3. Head, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5. Will respond to requests concerning big game animals (deer, bear, turkey) and to wildlife related problems in MCB training areas. When NREA personnel are unable to respond in a timely manner, and there is potential for the situation to jeopardize public health, the Head, NREA Branch, G-5 will request assistance from the military police. Routine disposition will involve release near the capture site or euthanasia. Wildlife pest control efforts will be reported to Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, for inclusion in the "Pest Control Summary Report" prepared per OPNAVINST 6250.4. Wildlife suspected of being diseased will be immediately transported to the U.S. Army Veterinary Service at Fort Belvoir for testing.
4. Resident OIC of Construction. Shall maintain a contract for a licensed pest controller to implement routine building inspections and treatment for continuous pest control in developed areas. The use of toxic chemicals must be coordinated with the Head, NREA Branch, G-5 using environmental assessment procedures. Secondary toxicity to nontarget species is a genuine concern and must be minimized by careful assessment and planning of chemical pest control programs.

7004. PROCEDURES

1. Problems with nuisance wild animals (i.e., skunks, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, snakes, birds, bats, bees, wasps, etc.) or animal carcasses found in developed areas shall be reported to the Head, Contracts Section, Public Works Branch, G-5 (703-784-3625). Housing occupants will report these problems to the Family Housing Office at 703-784-2739.
2. Problems concerning domestic animals (pets) shall be reported to the Animal Warden, Scty Bn at 703-784-2791.
3. Problems concerning deer, bear, turkey or wild animals in the training areas will be reported to the Game Warden, NREA Branch at 703-784-5128 extension 249, 250 or 251.
4. Any organization having problems with beavers shall contact the Game Warden at 703-784-5218 extension 249, 250, or 251 to describe the problem and the location. Correction of the problem may involve trapping and removal of the beavers.
5. Groups and individuals wanting to observe or photograph wildlife are welcomed to visit the Chopawamsic Creek Watchable Wildlife Area, located on Russell Road. The area is open to the public year-round during daylight hours.
6. Access to the training areas is carefully controlled and scheduled by the AC/S G-3 to support military training. Individuals wanting to photograph or observe wildlife in these areas must obtain written permission from the Range Control Officer prior to entering any training area
7. Groups that would like assistance from the NREA Branch concerning fish and wildlife education programs should request assistance from the Head, NREA Branch at 703-784-4030. The Head, NREA Branch if personnel are available, will assign a staff professional to provide escort and guidance to the group.

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APPENDIX A

GUEST HUNTING PROCEDURES

1. Background. The popularity of hunting at MCB and the close proximity of the Base to a large population area results in the need to regulate numbers of hunters. A guest program has been established to ensure that appropriate hunting arrangements are made for official guests so that potential inconveniences or safety hazards have been eliminated.
2. Policy. Official command guests may receive assistance to ensure that their hunting experience is safe and enjoyable. They will often be assigned to hunt in the nonimpact portion of Training Area 11B, which has been specifically designated for use by guest hunters, or may be assigned to other hunting areas. Guests will obtain all appropriate licenses, attend mandatory classes, and comply with all MCB, state, and Federal requirements for hunting. Practices to specially stock or restrict game to areas for guest hunting are strictly prohibited.
3. Guest Hunting Office. The Guest Hunting Office is operated as part of the Game Checking Station (GCS) under the guidance of the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch, G-5. Conservation volunteers may be appointed as Guest Hunting Coordinators (GHC) to assist NREA personnel in the management of the guest hunting program.
4. Authorized Guests. Persons authorized checkout from the Guest Hunting Office will consist of the following:
 - a. Invited officials of local, state, Federal and foreign governments.
 - b. Active and retired generals and flag officers of the United States armed services and active and retired senior executive service employees of the United States Government.
 - c. Invited guests of foreign nations.
 - d. Officials of cooperating natural resources management and associated agencies.
 - e. Invited guests of the CG MCCDC, and the CG MCB.

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f. NREA personnel responsible for natural resources management in the training areas, to include volunteers assigned to assist with the guest hunting program, being responsible to ensure the safety and convenience of guest hunters, are authorized access to guest hunting areas and are encouraged to know the terrain features, roads, trails and hunting stand locations.

g. The buddy system is encouraged for all hunting at MCB. Each hunter is encouraged to have a companion to get help in case of illness or injury. Therefore, anyone entitled to hunt in a designated guest hunting area may bring a guest or will be encouraged to hunt with another official guest or GHC.

5. Guest Hunting Areas

a. The daily quota of hunting permits available at the GCS will not be used for guest hunters. Guests will usually be assigned to a designated tree stand in the nonimpact portion of Training Area 11B or to another training area where they will incur no safety risk nor will they interfere with military training operations. In no case are any personnel permitted within the surface danger zone (SDZ) of a live firing exercise. When guests are assigned to a training area in which a portion of the surface area is impinged upon by an SDZ, the guest will be escorted by a designated GHC per paragraph 3013.3. The GHC will select a terrain feature on a Quantico topographic map identifiable on the ground, which is clearly exterior to all SDZs scheduled for the day of the hunting trip. The GHC will ensure that neither the GHC nor the guest crosses the selected terrain feature(s) during the hunting trip. Guests who have been left in position by a GHC will exit the hunting location by the same route used to enter the area. On occasions where a guest hunter has a preference to hunt in an area open for public hunting, the guest office may issue the guest a daily permit for that area that does not count against the daily quota of permits issued to the public. No more than two guest permits can be issued per training area; the use of these permits is discouraged if other guest hunting areas are available for use. Hunters seeking daily permits through normal checkout procedures shall not be displaced to make room for an official guest.

b. Wounded Game Tracking. Any hunter positioned within an area affected by an active SDZ will not track wounded game unless either Range Management Branch has determined that the SDZ has become inactive or the game trail remains clearly within an area of distinguished landmarks outside the active SDZ.

c. Waterfowl Blinds. For safety and security reasons, two blinds maintained near the MCAF will not be assigned to the general public for hunting. They may be assigned to official guests and their invitees when prior approval has been received from the MCAF.

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NREA personnel, including GHCs, are not authorized to use these blinds unless they are actually escorting a guest. NREA and MCAF will maintain liaison to ensure the use of these hunting blinds is carefully scheduled and coordinated to be compatible with airfield operations.

6. Responsibilities

a. Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch, G-5.
Provide guidance to coordinators concerning acceptance of guest reservations from individuals whose guest status is questionable. Route all potentially controversial decisions to the Head, NREA Branch.

b. Guest Hunting Coordinators

(1) Coordinate with the GCS, Game Wardens, Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch and the duty NCO at the Range Control Office 703-784-5321 as appropriate to maintain constant awareness of the use of firing ranges and locations of SDZs, military operations and land management activities.

(2) Assign guests to designated hunting areas or tree stands. Escort those unfamiliar with base woodlands so that they hunt in the specific designated safe location. If the number of guests on a given day requires additional help, the GHCs may request assistance to ensure that all guests are properly escorted to and from the guest hunting area.

(3) Maintain checkout/in log to ensure that all hunters are safe and accounted for at the end of the day.

(4) Ensure that guest hunters know base hunting procedures and regulations and have all appropriate state, Federal, and base licenses. Further, will ensure that all guests assigned to hunt in any training area into which an SDZ impinges are briefed about the dangers inherent in live fire training exercises, about the proximity of live fire SDZs near the hunting area, and agree to hunt only where they have been positioned by the GHC.

(5) Maintain daily awareness of military training operations, live fire SDZs, etc., that may be ongoing in an area used for guest hunting.

(6) Maintain records of hours hunted and game killed. Ensure that big game is properly registered at the game checking station.

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(7) Maintain a minimum of 30 tree stands for guest deer hunting. Stands may be temporarily or permanently situated but will be constructed to ensure that the safety of users is not jeopardized.

(8) Maintain woodland trails in a condition open to vehicular travel in case of emergency. Off-road vehicle travel is authorized for GHCs and guests in designated guest hunting areas.

(9) Shall limit participation in the guest hunting program to only those authorized by this Manual or as subsequently modified by the CG MCB.

(10) Shall be assigned NREA Branch range gate keys only for the official purpose of opening gates that control access to the guest hunting area. Locked gates may be unlocked to enter safe areas but must be immediately relocked. Assigned keys may not be duplicated. Needs for range access required for other natural resources volunteer work programs will be authorized separately by NREA Branch personnel and will be coordinated with the Range Control Officer.

(11) When personnel are hunting or working in Training Area 11B, or any area affected by an SDZ, the Range Control Office will be notified when personnel enter the area and when all personnel have cleared the area.

7. Reports. The guest office shall maintain the following records and upon request, will forward the information via chain-of-command to the requesting office:

- a. List of names and telephone numbers of GHCs.
- b. Daily report of hunting hours and game harvested.
- c. Daily checkout/in log of guest hunters to include hours and location of hunt.
- d. List of guest hunters accommodated during a hunting season and dates of their visits. Visits by particularly high-ranking individuals, e.g., United States Congressmen, Senators, and cabinet-level officials, will be reported verbally prior to the visit, if possible.

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APPENDIX B

APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

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B 046

From: Commanding General
To:

Subj: APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

Ref: (a) MCBO P11015.2A
(b) MCBO P1500.1

1. Per reference (a), you are hereby appointed to be a Guest Hunting Coordinator. Your appointment is based upon your loyalty and dedication to the Marine Corps and your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the following areas: knowledge of the Base training areas and range safety procedures (reference (b)); knowledge of Marine Corps weapons systems; knowledge of safe hunting practices; and proven courteous and personable handling of all visitors.
2. Most guest hunting will be conducted in the portion of Training Area 11B that is outside of the Weapons Training Battalion and FBI range surface danger zones (SDZ). It is mandatory that all personnel stay clear of SDZs, whether in Training Area 11B, or in any other training areas. Therefore, it is essential that you remain cognizant of range firing schedules and strictly comply with the guest hunting guidelines provided at appendix A of reference (a).
3. You will be assigned one or more Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA) Branch range gate keys that are necessary for access to designated guest hunting areas. You will sign for the keys and will be responsible for the safekeeping and authorized use of the keys.
4. Your acceptance of this appointment must be certified by your endorsement of this letter. Any questions concerning guest hunting procedures not covered in appendix A of reference (a) should be addressed to the Head, Fish, Wildlife and Agronomy Section, NREA Branch, G-5 at 703-784-5810 extension 240.

Signature

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CG MCB ltr 11015/2 B 046 of

From:

To: Commanding General

Subj: APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR GUEST HUNTING COORDINATOR

1. Returned.
2. I have read and understand the instructions and procedures that apply to the guest hunting program.
3. I hereby accept this appointment as a Guest Hunting Coordinator and I agree to hold myself accountable for assigned keys and for compliance with the procedures in the references of the basic letter.

Signature